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TALKS AS JOBS AXE LOOMS OVER HEALTH VISITORS AND SCHOOL NURSES

TALKS are now under way over the future of health visitors and school nurse jobs in Staffordshire as the county council battles to cut a further £2.5 million from the children's services budget.

Among areas that could be affected are the safeguarding of vulnerable children and those suffering domestic abuse, Unite chiefs said as they condemned the move as cruel.

The union said nearly 40 jobs are affected. Staffordshire County Council says the move is necessary and will make the service more efficient.

The authority said it is cutting a further £2.5m from the 0-19 years' service over the

next 12 months. And the Staffordshire and Stoke on Trent Partnership NHS Trust, which provides social care services in the county, confirmed that staff are currently in a 30-day consultation period over their jobs.

But the trust would not confirm the number of jobs involved.

Unite regional officer Frank Keogh said: "These cruel cuts are putting vital services, such as maternal and child mental health, child protection and domestic abuse, under even more severe strain."

Recently implemented cuts have already hit hard in Staffordshire with the loss of children's centres and support for breastfeeding mothers.

This second financial hit will further reduce the numbers of health visitors and school nurses and therefore leave our children and families vulnerable.

"They are talking about 37 redundancies to the school nursing and health visitor teams.

Needed

"This is going to hit ordinary families who are going to get a massive shock when these basic services are no longer available to them."

The county council's health chief Councillor Alan White said: "The council absolutely recognises the skill and expertise of health visiting and school nursing services and we want to

make sure their support is offered where it is needed most.

"Our new Children and Young People Health and Wellbeing Programme brings these two services together under one roof so that we cut down on duplication and provide support that fits best with today's modern families," Councillor White added.

"With less money to go around, we do have to make every penny count and we will still be spending £9.4 million on this new programme which will offer more targeted, additional support to the most vulnerable as well as making the best use of digital technology via advice hubs."

ELECTION

Voters set to cast their votes today

VOTERS in the Cannock Chase district head to the polls today (Thursday) to elect councillors to 13 of the council's 15 wards.

There are no elections in Hagley and Hednesford South this time around.

Labour currently runs the council under leader George Adamson, who defends his Hednesford Green Heath seat this year.

The party holds 21 of the 41 seats available, giving it the most slender of majorities.

The Conservatives have 13 seats, the Greens have two, while the Lib Dems and UKIP have one seat each. There are three independent councillors.

POLICE

Knife crime alert over new figures

CRIME in Staffordshire has gone up 11 per cent in a year, with spikes in violence, robbery and harassment.

Chief Constable Gareth Morgan says he is 'disappointed' and has voiced concern over a rise in knife crime fuelled by an 'increasingly glamourised' culture of weapon possession.

Work was being done to better use stop and search powers, he said.

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FRAUD

Warning over 'TV discount' cold calls

STAFFORDSHIRE Police have issued a warning over a scam involving offers of false TV discounts.

It comes after the National Fraud Intelligence Bureau noticed an increase in reports of fraudsters cold-calling victims, claiming to be from a television provider and offering a discount on their subscription. Their voices are reported to 'sound feminine and have an Asian accent'.

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Service marks 100 years of Anzac Day



Standard bearers stand to attention at a service at Cannock Chase War Cemetery to mark 100 years since the first Anzac Day ceremony recognising the sacrifice of soldiers from Australia and New Zealand. Anzac Day commemorates all the soldiers from both nations who served and died in military operations. More pictures – Page 5

PENKRIDGE Market is offering free stalls to local groups and businesses as part of a national campaign. Pitches will be available free of charge on Saturday May 26 and Wednesday May 30 under the 'Love your Local Market campaign', it has announced.

Businesses and community groups based in the parish of Penkridge can take up a free stall to promote their work or trade. The popular market draws people in from around the region from as far away as Telford, Stoke-on-Trent and Walsall.

Market manager Matt Williams said: "We realise that people visiting the Market are sometimes not aware of the businesses in Penkridge itself, so we really want to help local businesses promote themselves to a new audience and hopefully gain new customers."

"We know how tough it is for any business, but especially for anyone starting up. So we really hope the free stall offer will help attract and create some new and exciting business ideas."

Charity

The market is offering a 10ft pitch on either the Wednesday or the Saturday which can be used to sell products, promote businesses or raise money for charity.

Mr Williams said the market would be able to provide tables and equipment, subject to availability.

Penkridge Market, which is on the A449 just off Junction 12 of the M6, will be one of hundreds of markets taking part in the 'Love Your Local Market' initiative. This

is an annual campaign led by the National Association of British Market Authorities.

Now in its seventh year, the annual initiative grew out of the Portas review in 2012 and has seen many hundreds of businesses started or developed during the focus of activity in May each year.

It has developed over the years into a full fortnight of activities, with the aim of highlighting all that is great about UK markets and supporting the next generation of entrepreneurs.

Penkridge will be joining over 1,200 markets across the country offering pitches aimed at attracting new traders, to help support the next generation of traders and entrepreneurs.

The invitation is open to people over the age of 16. For further information and to book a stall at Penkridge contact Matt Williams on 01785 714221 or visit the website www.penkridgemarket.co.uk



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Oh baby! Get real and reduce landfill

WITH almost three billion disposable nappies annually going to landfill in the UK it is clear that this is an issue that needs to be addressed.

As Real Nappy Week was in April we will today look at reusable nappies.

There are various reasons to #ditchthedisposable – the financial savings (especially as you can use them for subsequent children); the environmental impact (disposables take 400-500 years to decompose); the number of chemicals within disposables; or because the designs are ridiculously cute (there's even one to celebrate the royal baby!).

Gone are the days of ugly terry-towel nappies. Today reusables are stylish and generally fit into one of two categories: two-piece nappy cover with

This month a guest contributor to the Green Living column, local mum ANDREA MUCKLEY, talks about her passion for real nappies

insert and all-in-one. With the former the inserts can be changed and the covers used a number of times before needing to be washed. The latter look and fit more like a disposable nappy.

These are some top tips to switching to reusables:

1 You don't need to go all or nothing. One real nappy a day would be one less disposable in landfill.

2 By popping real nappies on a pre-wash you can then add your usual washing on a 40 degree cycle.

Nappies do not need a 60 degree cycle each time as our washers are generally so efficient.

3 Check to see if you have a nappy library nearby. This way you can try different brands to see which works best for you and your baby's individual body shape.

4 Check your local council as many provide a real nappy incentive. Dudley, East Staffordshire, Lichfield, Sandwell, Walsall, and Wolverhampton all offer £30 cashback. We just need Cannock Chase to catch up!

5 Once you've found a nappy brand that works well for you, pick designs that will make you smile.

Now ... who wants to talk reusable wipes and hankies? Too soon?

Party time as Thomas celebrates his 103rd

ONE of the oldest residents in the West Midlands has celebrated turning 103.

Thomas Wilson was born in 1915 during the First World War, and was had broken out again by the time he was 24.

He now lives in Brownhills Nursing Home where he celebrated his milestone by having a party surrounded by his friends and family. Senior carer Kelly Button, who has been looking after him for two years, said: "We had a party for him here at the home and all the residents joined him to wish him happy birthday."

"Everyone really enjoyed themselves and he was so ecstatic I think he wore himself out."

"Some of his family were there too so he had lots of people around him who love him."

"He had a Guinness, which he likes," Kelly added.

"He is lovely, you would not believe he is 103-years-old."

"He is so happy within himself and, yes, he has his aches and pains like everybody has, but he always thanks people for helping him all the time," she said.



Thomas Wilson

Concern at homes plan for land near M-way

A HOUSING estate and retirement complex could be built in Penkridge, under new plans.

The two separate projects include up to 100 homes off Cherrybrook Drive and 43 apartments – including 11 bungalows and a car park – off Stafford Road.

Both sets of plans have been submitted to South Staffordshire District Council and are set to be discussed in the coming weeks.

And they have both proved to be controversial, with a district councillor saying she has received 'a good many' letters from residents expressing their concerns.

Councillor Isabel Ford, who sits on the council's planning committee, says she is keeping an open mind about both schemes. But the Penkridge North East and Acton Trussell councillor said she was taking into consideration residents' views. "There are some quite legitimate concerns that have been expressed about the homes scheme which the committee and the people behind it will need to address," she said.

Demolished

"The land is very close to the motorway in an open space which is obviously not ideal. Residents are also concerned that very little allowance appears to have been made for decent access to the site without upsetting the neighbours. These plans must be examined very thoroughly."

Mrs Ford says she has been to view the site of the proposed retirement apartments, which have been earmarked for land southwest of the former Rowan House, which was demolished in 2016 having been dilapidated for many years. The plans have been submitted by retirement complex specialists McCarthy & Stone.

Councillor Ford said: "There are some people against the scheme as they would rather have a care home in Penkridge rather than a private retirement complex.

"The view is that there is more of a need for a care home in the village as we don't have one here."

No-one at McCarthy & Stone was available for comment.

Shout it out – county celebrates



So many attractions – Councillors Maureen Compton and Jonathan Price outside Shugborough Hall

THOUSANDS of people joined in the fun for the fourth year of Staffordshire Day celebrations.

A variety of activities was offered for all the family at the annual event on Tuesday.

May 1 was chosen as the official day following a public poll, as the

date also marks the creation of the world-famous Wedgwood pottery company back in 1759, which was established by the man considered to be Staffordshire's most famous son, Josiah Wedgwood.

Councillor Mark Winnington, cabinet member for economic

growth at Staffordshire County Council, and deputy chair of Enjoy Staffordshire, said: "It really is a wonderful opportunity to shout about our great county."

New this year were events celebrating the delights of the Staffordshire oatcake.

Residents have say on housing

THE views of residents on plans to build more than 200 homes in South Staffordshire are being sought.

A public consultation exhibition is being held for a housing development on Hobnook Road in Essington.

Bovis Homes is inviting residents to examine the proposals and will be holding the event at Essington Community Centre today (Thursday) between 2pm and 7pm.

An initial thumbs-up for 210 homes on the site was given in January last year.

But now, the developer is preparing to build more, with a total of 230 homes potentially planned.

A spokesman for Bovis Homes said: "If you are unable to attend, the information will be made available on the website the day after the exhibition."

Clinic bid unveiled

PLANS have been submitted to turn a rangers building at Chasewater Country Park into a physiotherapy clinic. The building is a former office but is currently empty. Two people will be employed full-time if the proposals get the go-ahead from Lichfield District Council.

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Passengers warned of changes on the trains

PASSENGERS planning to travel by train this weekend are being advised to check timetables before setting out on their journey.

Engineering work will affect services between London and Carlisle via the West Midlands.

Martin Frobisher, Network Rail route managing director for the London North Western route, said: "These upgrades are a vital step towards us being able to provide better, smoother and more reliable journeys. "We try our best to minimise the impact on passengers and do most of the work behind the scenes."

"However, there are big pieces of work that can only be completed when the railway is clear of trains."

"We would like to thank passengers in advance for bearing with us as it will mean some changes to their travel plans," Mr Frobisher added.

Later this month, during the Spring Bank Holiday weekend, there will be "significant" work taking place in the West Midlands between Birmingham New Street and Coventry as a new, more reliable signalling system is brought into use.

On Saturday, May 26, no trains will run between Birmingham and Lichfield, and Wolverhampton to Walsall services will start from Birmingham New Street.

For full details visit about all the changes, www.nationalrail.co.uk

Specialist gym bid given green light

PLANS to transform a vacant building into a specialist gym have been given the green light by council bosses.

Cannock Chase Council approved the plans for the gym in Walsall Road, Cannock, which will be for women over 25 with health or mobility issues.

There will be a wide variety of classes including stretching and yoga as well as a motorised circuit to aid exercise. The gym will be working closely with GPs and hospitals for rehabilitation.

The building is currently vacant but used to be Hire Station.

Opening hours will be 8am until 9pm during the week but it will close at 8pm on Saturday and 4pm on Sunday.

Talk about battle

THE Men of Burntwood's next monthly meeting is on Wednesday, at 7.45pm, at St Matthews Sports and Social Club. Tim Budgin will give a talk on 'The Aftermath of the Battle of Waterloo'. Call 01543 682448.

Chippie takes title as the best in county



Aysel and Arkin Arnavut - 'consistency'

A BURNTWOOD chippie has come out on top in the search for Staffordshire's Chip Shop of the Year.

Family-run Swan Island Fish Bar, in Cannock Road, fended off stiff competition from shops across the county to take the title.

Chippies were rated by the number of tokens handed in by Express & Star readers, while there was also a mystery shopper element which saw the takeaways taste-tested.

Aysel and Arkin Arnavut have been running the chippie for five years and transformed it from a one-star food

hygiene establishment to five-star within a year.

The couple thanked their loyal customers for their support.

Previously called Olympus Fish Bar, the owners changed the name when they took over but the building has been a fish and chip shop for the past 50 years.

Mrs Arnavut said: "This is the second year running we have won the competition, as we took first place last year. We are very pleased with the result.

"Our food standard is really high,

so is our cleanliness, how we train our staff - we are five-star all the way through.

"Our high standards have never dropped. The main thing for us is consistency - me and my husband, our staff and our food.

"Our food is always the same and that's what customers like. Our customers are always telling us that our food tastes the same."

The runner-up in Staffordshire was Queens Fish & Chips in Wheel Lane, Lichfield, while Britannia Fish Bar, in First Avenue, Stafford, came third.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Fire crews rescue horse from ditch

A HORSE was rescued after falling into a ditch when trying to escape its field in Staffordshire.

Staffordshire Fire and Rescue Service crews from Cannock and Penkridge went to the aid of the horse to sedate it and then hoist it out on Thursday.

"Our animal rescue team from #Cannock & crews from #Penkridge saved a horse that had fallen in a ditch after escaping her field," they tweeted.

"The 22-year-old mare was sedated by a vet so she could be hoisted from the ditch by her feet.

"Thankfully she is expected to make a good recovery #NotJustFires."

School musical will celebrate The King

A SHOW inspired by and featuring the songs of Elvis Presley is to be performed at a school in Great Wyrley this month.

Described as a 'funny family musical with lots of opportunities to clap and sing along', All Shook Up takes its name from a smash hit by The King released in 1957.

The show will be performed on May 17, 18 and 19 at Great Wyrley High School.

Performances start at 7.15pm. Tickets are £8 and can be obtained by calling 07708 177999.

Singing sessions in venue change

SINGING sessions for people with dementia have moved to a new venue.

The Cannock sessions are delivered by Arts for Health at South Staffordshire and Shropshire Health NHS Foundation Trust and used to take place at St Barnabas Church, but will now be held in St Thomas Church, in Stafford Road, Hednesford.

Songs for You sessions, funded by People's Postcode Lottery, give people with dementia and their carers the chance to meet with others and join in singing a range of well-known songs. Call 01785 221328 for further details.

Survey launched into impact of rural crime

STAFFORDSHIRE'S rural community is being urged to make its voice heard in a national survey.

The most recent survey, three years ago, revealed the cost of crime to rural communities - both financial, at £800m per year, and fear.

The Police and Crime Commissioner's Office says the survey will provide a 'clear picture'. Submissions can be made at nationalruralcrimenetwork.net until June 10.

Crime fear as death fall club put on the market

A CANNOCK nightclub where a young reveller plummeted to his death has been put on the market.

Quartz nightclub is up for rent eight months after 25-year-old Ryan Shenton fell to the ground at the back of the 40ft-high venue.

Potential tenants have already placed an offer for the £24,000-a-year club, which could be transformed into a restaurant.

Estate agents Pearl and Coutts listed the club as a 'restaurant to rent' but said the venue could be suitable for other uses, subject to planning permission.

Councillor Paul Witton, who represents Cannock South ward, said he hoped Quartz would not remain as a club, adding: "We have got enough pubs and bars.

"The crime figures are not very good in Cannock. We need to look at removing drink from premises to a degree because we have got too many places that are open too late." He added that fewer police officers on the streets and a more vibrant night life had led to increased crime in the area.

Quartz, which sits next to Halifax and Boots, has a 'prominent position' in Church Street, Pearl and Coutts said. The club, which occupies more than 4,900 sq ft, has a dance floor and office space.

Electrician Mr Shenton, of Leamore, Walsall, sustained a head injury when he scrambled or fell over a barrier after leaving alone through a back door at about 2.30am. An inquest in Cannock heard that his body was discovered hours later by staff from a nearby bank.

Coroner Andrew Haigh recorded a conclusion of accidental death and said: "Ryan was a popular young man and had a lot of positives in his life."

"It appears, in an intoxicated condition, Ryan has gone over the barrier. Whether he climbed or fell we cannot say."

A report revealed Mr Shenton was more than three times the drink-drive limit.



Joanne Clarke from Huntington will be at the wedding of Prince Harry and Meghan Markle after being invited in honour of her volunteer work

Joanne gets royal wedding invitation

IT IS the hottest invite in the world this year.

And Joanne Clarke from Huntington is among the few who will be at the wedding of Prince Harry and Meghan Markle.

The mother-of-three has been invited in honour of her volunteer work with the Staffordshire Army Cadet Force. Joanne was shocked when she received her invite - saying she could not believe 'an average Joe Bloggs' would be asked.

The 39-year-old has spent 10 years with the cadets, helping to train young people and support them in gaining qualifications.

Joanne admitted she is nervous but cannot wait for the big day. She will be attending with her fiancé, 32-year-old Philip Goodwin, who she will wed in November. Joanne said: "I was shocked to find out I had been invited. Of all of the millions of people in the world - out of everybody."

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New role to help river take course

BIRMINGHAM and Black Country Wildlife Trust is recruiting for a part-time senior officer to lead the Salmon in the Stour project.

The project involves restoring the River Stour through the Black Country. The trust is seeking someone with experience of managing projects who is enthusiastic and knowledgeable about river ecology. Closing date for applications is May 11.

Salmon in the Stour is a partnership between the trust, Worcestershire Wildlife Trust, Severn Rivers Trust and the Environment Agency.

The aim is to see salmon breeding in the catchment headwaters again.

Google bus set to boost digital skills

A BUS is touring the region to give people the opportunity to improve their digital skills and learn from a group of top experts.

The Google Digital Garage bus is part of a programme run by Google and digital inclusion charity Good Things Foundation. It is visiting more than 30 locations including Cannock, Dudley, Sandwell, Walsall and Wolverhampton. Visitors can join courses on how to build a CV and social media strategy and the training ranges from beginner to intermediate levels.

The bus is visiting organisations in the Online Centres Network. No booking is required to visit the bus.

Blakemore firm is finalist for award

BLAKEMORE Retail, part of Willenhall-based A F Blakemore & Son is a finalist in the independent retail chain of the year in the 2018 Grocer Gold Awards.

The winners will be announced in London on June 12. Blakemore Retail, which has its head office at Longacres Industrial Estate, Rose Hill, Willenhall, operates 290 Spar stores across England and Wales.

It is the largest independent convenience store operator in the UK.

Club golfers chip in with £700 for cause

GOLFERS chipped in to raise £700 for the Midlands Air Ambulance.

Dave Shaw, the 2017 senior captain at Wergs Golf Club, situated in Wolverhampton, handed over the bumper cheque to one of the charity's Staffordshire fundraisers Katie West at a ceremony at the golf club in Keepers Lane. The money was raised by the club's senior section throughout the 2017 golfing season.

Spring into action with estate line-up

VISITORS with a spring in their step can enjoy a host of activities being held at the Shugborough estate as the weather gets warmer.

The events throughout May and June kick off today (Thursday) with a free Nordic Walking taster session where walkers will learn the technique in order to get maximum benefit and work the whole body. Nordic Walking helps both physical

and mental well-being catering for all ages and abilities and today's taster will be held from 4.30pm to 5.15pm followed by sessions at 9am, 10.30am and 12.45pm on June 16.

Anyone who enjoys the taster session can sign up for the four-week beginner's Nordic Walking Programme.

From Saturday, May 5, visitors can try their hand at archery with a qualified instructor in the historic grounds.

It is run by Archery GB affiliated Stafford Archers and suitable for anyone over five-years-old. It costs £2 and will be held at 11am to 3pm from May 5 to 7, 26 and 28 and August 25 to 27.

Visitors will need to be up from the crack of dawn for birdwatching walk at 4.45am, finishing at 8am, on Sunday, May 6.

June will start with stone-carving for a three-day course with Amerton

Arts. It will take place from 9am to 4pm on June 4, 5 and 6. It will be followed by a beginners' photography walk where visitors can walk in the footsteps of the famous photographer Patrick Lichfield to learn the basics of the art. Sessions will take place from 11am to 12.30pm on June 7 and 23 as well as September 8 and 21.

Visit www.nationaltrust.org.uk/shugborough-estate/whats-on

Wolves pal in tribute to 'smashing guy' Huntley

A LIFELONG Wolves fan diagnosed with leukaemia at the same time as club keeper Carl Ikeme has died.

The family and friends of Huntley Malcolm, from Essington, have paid tribute to a 'smashing guy'.

John Perry attended games with Huntley. The 67-year-old, who is originally from Wednesfield and now lives in Yorkshire, said: "So many people knew him – he's one of those guys who's absolutely loved by everyone."

"He was a strong family man and he loved the Wolves to bits. Huntley was a real brother to me." Huntley, who was 62 when he died, worked as a welder and a warehouse worker, but his real passion in life, alongside his beloved Wolves, was gardening.

After his death in April he leaves behind a widow, Judith – his wife of 36 years – and his children Hannah and Alice. The devoted family man also had one grandchild, one-year-old Winnie – with another on the way.

Wolves-mad Huntley regularly attended matches with John for around 40 years, sitting in the Stan Cullis Stand.

Huntley was diagnosed with Leukaemia in July, a few days before it was announced that Wolves goalkeeper Carl Ikeme had the disease.

However, he was still able to catch Wolves at Molineux during the early part of the season.



Huntley

Chief 'disappointed' at 11pc rise in crime

By Alex Ross

CRIME in Staffordshire has gone up 11 per cent in a year, with spikes in violence, robbery and harassment.

The force recorded 83,747 offences during 2017, according to the figures from the Office of National Statistics.

Chief Constable Gareth Morgan said he was 'disappointed' by the rise in crime.

He voiced concern over a rise in knife crime fuelled by a culture of weapon possession – up 16 per cent – which has 'become increasingly glamorised'.

Work was being done to better use stop and search powers to catch offenders, he said.

Mr Morgan said: "It's disappointing that Staffordshire, like most other areas of the country, has seen an increase in recorded crime."

Target

"Reflecting the national knife crime picture, we are recording more offences."

"In Staffordshire, young males are carrying knives for self-defence or as a mark of gang membership or initiation, which is a culture that has become increasingly glamorised."

"To address this, we are looking at how we can more effectively target our stop and search powers, based on good community intelligence, to deter and identify those individuals who are carrying knives."

Incidents of violence against a person went up 14 per cent, stalking and harassment rose 29 per cent and sexual offences went up 22 per cent.

Crime went up 15 per cent nationally, while in the West Midlands force area it went up 14 per cent and West Mercia nine per cent.

● Call – Page 10

A5 closed for 14 hours after lorry fire



The lorry in flames Photo: @steve84977583



The aftermath of the fire Photo: Highways England

A STRETCH of the A5 was closed for around 14 hours after a dramatic lorry fire.

The road was shut between the B4154 at Turf Island and the A460 at Churchbridge after the blaze tore through the lorry at 1am on Friday.

The two-mile stretch had reopened after 3pm. Pictures posted on Twitter showed flames leaping out of the HGV as thick black smoke poured into the sky.

Crews from Staffordshire Fire Service extinguished the fire by 2am, with the charred wreck of the trailer left smouldering on the side of the road.

Highways England and Staffordshire Police warned

drivers to expect delays while the lorry was recovered and the road was cleared.

A statement from Highways England said: "The HGV fire is severely burnt out and the recovery operation will be protracted."

● A man was airlifted to hospital and a woman was trapped in an overturned car after a serious crash in Burnwood last Wednesday.

Emergency services were called just before 1pm to Ironstone Road where two cars were badly damaged after they had collided. One had rolled onto its roof and was missing a wheel and the second was badly damaged.

Chase litter pick may be extended

DOZENS of bags of rubbish were collected during a litter pick on Cannock Chase.

Eighteen volunteers turned up on Saturday morning to help at the event organised by the Friends of Cannock Chase.

They managed to collect 41 bags of litter in two hours – almost four times the usual amount – and now the organisers are considering extending the scheme.

The next litter pick will be held on September 1.

Meanwhile, the Friends of Cannock Chase are going on a three-mile walk on Saturday, May 12 taking in Fair Oak Valley. Walkers will be able to learn about the old coal mine.

The meeting point is the Marquis Drive Visitor Centre at 2.30pm.

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Council is putting its Local Plan to the test

RESIDENTS are being invited to give their views on Lichfield District Council's Local Plan Review.

While the authority is progressing its Part 2 Land Allocations document, it also aims to create a new Local Plan that will be used to shape how the district is developed between 2020 and 2036.

The Local Plan Review is required to ensure that policies are relevant and up to date, given national guidance and the time that will have elapsed since the adopted Local Plan was originally put together.

So that the Local Plan is responsive to local needs and emerging pressures, the council has put together a Scope, Issues and Options document that considers current and projected issues, and sets out a number of questions.

Council planners will be running two drop-in sessions so members of the public can see the plans and ask questions. The first will be at Burntwood Library on Saturday from 10am to 2pm and the second is at the District Council House in Lichfield on Thursday, May 17 from 3pm to 6pm.

To read the draft Local Plan Review, Scope & Options document, and to find out how to comment online visit www.lichfielddc.gov.uk/localplan2036

The consultation will run until 5pm on June 11.

Objections to HS2 raised in Commons

STAFFORDSHIRE County Council bosses have petitioned Parliament petitioned over Phase 2a of HS2.

The authority's leader, Councillor Philip Atkins, presented the case for reducing the impact of the high-speed rail line between Fradley and Crewe.

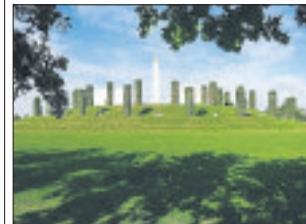
He highlighted a need to lower the height of the railway track as it passes through Kings Bromley on a viaduct and reducing noise around a proposed railhead and maintenance depot at Stone.

"As with Phase One, we have examined every mile of the further 33 miles that HS2 will run through Staffordshire in great detail to outline where we feel meaningful and practical changes can be made to the plans," Councillor Atkins said.

Dale Abbey walk

CHASE Ramblers will be heading out on a nine-mile moderate walk from Dale Abbey, near Stanton by Dale, this Sunday, meeting at Hednesford railway station car park for a 9am prompt departure. Call 01543 270862.

Teamwork at Arboretum 'key to award'



Names - the Armed Forces Memorial

A MEMORIAL site to the nation's war dead has won a prestigious award.

The National Memorial Arboretum beat off competition from impressive finalists such as Blenheim Palace in the VisitEngland Awards for Excellence 2018. The ceremony, held at the Bath Assembly Rooms, saw the Arboretum triumph in the Large Visitor Attraction category.

Sarah Montgomery, managing director of the Arboretum, called it 'fantastic' news. She said: "It is a testament to the impressive work of

the whole team of staff and volunteers and the tremendous progress we have made in recent years.

"This didn't happen by accident but through every single person's hard work and enthusiasm."

The Arboretum is home to the national Armed Forces Memorial, which commemorates armed forces personnel killed on duty since the end of the Second World War.

More than 16,000 names are engraved on the giant Portland stone walls. More than 350 other memorials celebrate the contribution of military

and civilian groups and individuals, including branches of the emergency services, members of the Scout and Guide movements, and Sikhs who fought during the First World War.

In 2017, the Duke of Cambridge officially opened the Arboretum's Remembrance Centre, offering improved visitor facilities, exhibition galleries and dedicated learning spaces.

In a testimonial one of the VisitEngland judges said: "Visitors cannot fail to be impressed by their first sight of the magnificent Remembrance Centre."

NEWS IN BRIEF

230 agency staff get JCB contracts

JCB has handed out permanent contracts to a new wave of 230 agency employees.

The conversions come on top of 200 agency employees who were taken on by JCB in the first three months of this year. It now means the Staffordshire company has given permanent contracts to more than 1,100 agency employees in the last four years.

JCB chief operating officer Mark Turner said: "We're delighted to offer permanent contracts to an unprecedented number of people this year."

"It shows huge confidence in the future and our commitment to offering stability for our workforce."

Plea as measles cases above 100

MORE than 100 cases of measles have now been confirmed in the West Midlands region, prompting a fresh appeal for parents to keep youngsters up to date with vaccinations.

Since the end of October, there has been an ongoing outbreak of the disease which is believed to be linked to a similar situations in large parts of Europe including Italy and Romania.

Public Health England says there is an increased risk of infection for those not fully immunised with two doses of MMR. Uptake rates vary from 87 per cent of five-year-olds in Wolverhampton to 91.7 per cent in Staffordshire.

County awards entries invited

ENTRIES are open for the annual Staffordshire Business Awards which showcase the best businesses in the county.

Sara Williams, chief executive of Staffordshire Chambers of Commerce, said: "In so many cases our awards have previously helped to raise entrants' profiles, win them new business and boost staff morale." Entrants are invited in 14 categories.

Concert will be in aid of Alzheimer's Society

A CONCERT for the Alzheimer's Society is being held in Rugeley tomorrow (Friday).

Come Listen to the Band at Lea Hall Social Club in Sandy Lane will feature music by the Stafford Grammar School Concert Band.

The show starts at 7pm and admission is £5 on the door. All are welcome.

For details, call the organiser of the concert, Thelma Hepworth, on 01889 578680 or the club on 01889 583175.

Service on Chase marks Anzac Day 100 years on

A SERVICE was held to mark 100 years since the first Anzac Day ceremony at a Staffordshire war cemetery.

Seventy three soldiers are buried at the Cannock Chase War Cemetery. And hundreds of people attended a commemoration ceremony on Sunday which marked the centenary of the first Anzac memorial at the site.

This included 80 standard bearers from the Royal British Legion and Riders for the Royal British Legion – as well as the Lord Lieutenant of Staffordshire and Stafford MP Jeremy Lefroy. Staff from the New Zealand Embassy in London also attended to pay their own respects, as well as dignitaries from the New Zealand Western Front Association.

Richard Pursehouse, from military historical research group The Chase Project, said it was crucial to recognise the sacrifice of soldiers from Australia and New Zealand.

Military

He said: "It is important to honour their memory. These people stood by us twice, in two world wars – they came to our support. It is a very humbling event to be part of."

The Lea Hall Brass Band provided a musical backdrop, with the ceremony conducted by the Staffordshire Royal British Legion's county chaplain. Soldiers from Australia and New Zealand are remembered every year on April 25, Anzac Day, which commemorates all the soldiers from both nations who served and died in military operations.

In recent years, there has been a project to place Dolores Crosses on the graves of all 30,000 New Zealand military personnel buried on foreign soil. The crosses are handwoven from New Zealand flax by Dolores Ho, archivist at the National Army Museum in New Zealand, who started the project.



The service on Sunday marked the centenary of the first memorial



John Hodson of the Wolverhampton Pipe Band



Humbling - the Anzac Day ceremony



Standard bearers in a moment of reflection during the ceremony

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So Prince Louis just what is in a name?

SO Prince Louis it is, then, the latest addition to the Cambridge household. Yes, I know he is named after Louis Mountbatten, the Duke of Edinburgh's uncle murdered by terrorists in 1979, but it doesn't sound right does it? A bit too reminiscent of King Louis XVI of France, perhaps. And things didn't end terribly well for him.

Anyway, I guess that means I will have to wait until next time for one of the Cambridge children to be named with my personal choice, Austin.

Austin Cambridge. A wonderful ring to it, don't you think? ☐ ☐ ☐

THE moment I saw the picture of Sohail Khan, the rapper turned would-be councillor for Tettenhall, I knew this would be entertaining. Whether it's William Hague's baseball cap or Jeremy Corbyn hanging out with grime stars, there is always something cringeworthy about politicians trying to get "down with da kids". And while I am not familiar with Mr Khan's contribution to the music industry, I would be surprised if it were not more Ali G than Ice.

Now rude-boy Sohail finds himself in hot water, after it emerged he posted a picture of a pistol on Facebook in 2012. Councillor Martin Waite says he is "not fit for office" and is "glamourising gun crime". Oh, gerrover yourself, as we say in the Black Country. These people don't half take themselves seriously, don't they?

If Councillor Waite thinks Mr Khan is glamourising anything whatsoever, he probably needs to get out more. While I don't profess to be entirely representative of da yute in da 'hood, I'm fairly sure there are few things less glamorous than local council politics. Mr Khan has probably done more to de-glamourise guns with his Facebook post than the Home Office has managed in decades. Respect, bruv. ☐ ☐ ☐

THERE are few people who cannot have been moved by the tragic last days of Alfie Evans, and you have to sympathise with medical staff who, faced with some thankless and difficult decisions, had to deal with a torrent of unwarranted abuse and intimidation.

That said, while it may be right for highly-skilled medics to refuse treatment they believe is not in the interests of the child, the litigation to stop him going to Italy is something else. The NHS is supposed to be about providing health care, not using the legal system to stop sick children going abroad for care if it is what the parents wish. And the NHS surely has more pressing needs for its funds than hiring expensive lawyers.

Lighten up, we need our Royal Family for some things



Kate – denounced by tabloid for looking "too perfect" as she posed with her baby



Farmer Stephen Nolan won a lot of support for his sign about smelly animals



Master Sergeant Robin Brown sacked after dinosaur hand-puppet incident

But who would plant all those saplings . . .

THERE was some speculation that William and Kate's little boy who arrived this week might have been overdue and born late. A republican reader asks: "Late for what?" He goes on to say uncharitable things about this privileged little chap being able to look forward to 80 years or more spent doing absolutely nothing of any consequence. Oh, lighten up. If it wasn't for our Royal Family, who would plant all those saplings, watch all that ethnic dancing and draw apart the little curtains to reveal all those plaques?

THE Duchess of Cambridge appears outside the clinic with her newborn prince and is denounced by one tabloid for looking "too perfect." How can normal mums, with no nannies or hairdressers on call, expect to look so lovely? Listen. As any David Icke fan and conspiracy theorist knows, the Windsors are not humans but giant, shape-shifting lizards. We should be thankful that Kate merely looked radiant and did not come down the clinic steps as a rampaging komodo dragon clutching a large egg.

THE BBC describes a breakthrough in laboratory-grown food as "the veggie burger that bleeds when you cut it." Coming soon – mushroom rooms that scream when you peel 'em.

"TIS the season to be painting. As I may have pointed out earlier, some paint names convey little about the colour in the tin. From one leading range we have discovered Overtly Olive, Sophisticated Sage and the deeply enigmatic Wellbeing.

I WAS skinning a brontosaurus outside my cave the other day when the news came in of the TSB online-banking catastrophe. I admit-

THE BEST OF PETER RHODES

ted in this column some months ago that I had never dabbled with internet banking because I have no desire to link my worldly wealth to the dark forest of thieves we call cyberspace. I was promptly denounced by one reader as a cave man. This week I would rather be a cave man than a TSB online banker, thanks.

MY piece on blood-pressure reminds a reader of an appointment with his GP when his pressure readings were a bit high. The doctor suggested he should relax, sit down for 10 minutes and read a newspaper. It was the Daily Mail. As he puts it: "You can guess the rest."

CONFUSING headlines of our time: "Man bitten by shark previously attacked by bear and snake." (Sky News).

I CAME across a brief report that Bill and Sylvia Bennett of Kidderminster have celebrated their 70th wedding anniversary. It said that Bill spent D-Day, June 6, 1944 on a "secret operation" on the Normandy beaches. There was much more to it than that. I met Bill, 91, on a pilgrimage to Normandy some years ago and his D-Day story was astonishing. For a start he was only 18, a Merchant Navy lad put into Royal Navy uniform for the invasion. Secondly, working under enemy fire on the Pluto undersea pipeline at Gold Beach, he was not given any sort of weapon. Thirdly, having helped a wounded comrade to safety, he got a Mentioned in Dispatches for bravery and good conduct. He

told me: "I don't remember any of us talking about being scared, we just got on with it." All sorts of great deeds were done in the Normandy Campaign but how many D-Day teenagers went ashore without even a gun and ended the day with an award for gallantry? I would not mind betting that Bill Bennett's D-Day was unique. I wish Bill and Sylvia every happiness.

MASTER Sergeant Robin Brown thought he'd enliven the US National Guard oath of allegiance by using a dinosaur hand-puppet to recite the words, Sooty-and-Sweep style. Unsurprisingly, she and two colleagues who took part in the gag have been sacked. What is surprising is that Brown served in the public-affairs office. Despite all the media training, she forgot the first rule of public relations. Wherever you are and whatever you're about to do, just pause, remind yourself that you live in a world where there are no longer any secrets and ask the question: how's this gonna look in the papers?

A LANCASHIRE farmer, Stephen Nolan, has won much support for erecting a sign pointing out that, among other things, farm animals "make funny sounds, smell bad and have sex outdoors." Unless you can tolerate all this, he says, then don't buy a property next to a farm. Which all sounds perfectly reasonable. Except that in my experience when people suddenly start complaining about farm smells it isn't always because they're newly-arrived snowflake townies who can't abide old-fashioned muck. Sometimes they are long-term country dwellers living close to a farmer who's just dredged his fields in pig or poultry slurry, or some other vile-smelling by-product of industrialised agriculture, and is playing the "townie" card rather than doing the decent thing and apologising.

TALKING POINT

We should be spitting mad over vile habit

REGULAR readers will have noticed that this column never shies away from any subject, serious or trivial, but there is one topic that is long overdue – spitting in public.

For whatever reason, there seems to be a creeping acceptability of this revolting habit, whether it be in the street, or open spaces such as parks, and railway station platforms.

Years ago, although smoking was allowed on the upper deck of buses, there was invariably a Spitting Prohibited sign to remind passengers that this was most definitely banned.

Birmingham rock 'n' roller Steve Gibbons even wrote a song, 'No Spitting On The Bus', in which he says boredom and disillusionment can never be used as an excuse.

That was in the 1970s but today there is another factor to consider – aggression. Health service workers are often targeted by spitting yobs for no other reason, it seems, than to get the upper hand.

On the football pitch, spitting is deemed to be one of the most serious misdemeanours when aimed at an opponent, yet many a TV camera has captured instances of phlegm being deposited on the turf, very often in glorious close-up.

Earlier this year while at the wheel of his car ex-footballer Jamie Carragher called on all his spitting 'skills' when goaded by another driver and spat in the direction of a 14-year-old girl. Thanks to the dubious merits of social media, this was viewed hundreds of thousands of times, and yes, if you have not had the misfortune to see the incident, it is as disgusting as you might imagine.

Alongside spitting, there's another custom which seems to becoming the norm, much more rapidly than spitting, and that is regularly sniffing when a good blow of the nose would cure the problem. What is so very difficult about buying a cheap box of handkerchiefs or pocket tissues and clearing the tubes once and for all?

And then there's coughing into one's 'rolled up' hand, which experts will tell you acts as a blowpipe capable of sending germs flying even further, or worse still not using your hand at all. Much better to cough into your upright palm, which acts as a barrier to flying bacteria.

It's all a matter of education. Over a relatively short time, we have come to accept that dog mess must be picked up, and smoking is no longer permitted in public places, so how about an intense public information campaign?

Perhaps that man Mr Gibbons could write a follow-up titled 'No Spitting . . . Anywhere'. You tell 'em, Steve.

STEVE PARLETT



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Countryside team pick up award



From left, countryside estate worker Richard Gill, team leader Steve Barnes, countryside development officer Simon Siddle and countryside estate workers Douglas Barber and Myles Adams

COUNTRYSIDE Service staff at Cannock Chase Council are celebrating after winning the first ever Natural England West Midlands Region Conservation Award.

The accolade recognises the service's achievements in wildlife conservation, sustainable grazing and traditional hay making in an urban environment; and land management for the endangered willow tit and rare insects.

Based at Deavalls Farm in Hawks

Green, the five-strong team manage 240 hectares of land within the district including Hednesford Hills, Mill Green and Hazelclade Nature Reserve, along with the ancient monument at Castle Ring. All of these sites attract up to 500,000 visitors each year.

Mike Edmonds, head of environment and healthy lifestyles, said: "The Countryside Service team work hard to maintain and conserve our areas of natural landscape in the district. They

not only make a difference to the local environment but they also have a positive effect on enhancing the habitats for our wildlife."

Natural England is the government adviser for the natural environment and is charged with helping to protect England's nature and landscape.

The award was presented at a ceremony at Wyre Forest Discovery Centre in Worcestershire by the chairman of Natural England, Andrew Sells.

Town centre 'a battle zone'



Gary McManus - 'no police in sight'

MARKET traders have called for a stronger police presence in a town centre which they say is plagued by violence and anti-social behaviour.

Stallholders on Walsall Market say there are not enough patrols to drive out drunk and disorderly people. Some are so 'fed up' they have contemplated moving out of the town.

The market operates 8.30am to 5pm every Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday and Saturday, but stallholders have

said they feel unsafe because of people who are 'paralytic by the early afternoon'.

One trader, 48-year-old Gary McManus, said: "We have got a problem here. I have seen two people who look like zombies because they are so drugged up."

"There is not enough police on patrol. You will try to get people stealing from you but there is not a policeman in sight. There needs to be some kind of a deterrent for them."

Another trader, who did not

want to be named for fear of being targeted, has run his family business there for 30 years. He said: "Just the other week I had stock stolen."

"We are fed up and sick of it. It is a battle zone. By 2pm or 3pm they become paralytic."

Sgt Lee Nicholls, of Walsall police, said: "We are aware of concerns from market traders around anti-social behaviour and endeavour to carry out regular patrols in the town centre to try and combat this."

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If they stopped doing all the speed humps, which doesn't do cars any good, they might have enough money to repair our roads.

TERESA

Hednesford

Friends can figure it out

I HOPE the amount of litter collected by the Friends of Cannock Chase would have been a lot less than last year and not more as hoped for by their organiser.

Otherwise all the information given to the public on how detrimental litter is to the countryside will have fallen on deaf ears.

JACK WOOD

Cannock

Knock-on effect is to kill off businesses

MONTH by month we see local bank branches being closed as we are told they are too expensive to run.

We are advised to switch to internet banking, which is great until it collapses, such as in the case of TSB, where folks are unable to access their own money.

My local branch of Lloyds at Hednesford informs me I can do banking at Cannock, Rugeley or Walsall, but

for how long? Occasionally, I do use Cannock but often there are only two tills open.

The Hednesford branch always has lots of customers, many of them are local businesses who take cash into the branch at the end of every day.

It is not possible to do cash transactions over the internet. The internet is also always hackable.

The knock-on effect on Hednesford

businesses will be to drive some out of business.

Not everyone has access to a car, especially the elderly, and not everyone has or wants a computer. Once everyone is using auto tills we will no doubt be charged for using them.

The bottom line is that banks are not interested in small customers.

MICHAEL FAWDREY

Hednesford

Look elsewhere for an answer to this issue

IN the late 1940s and 1950s the Jamaican men and women were welcomed by our nation with open arms, and they did contribute to our society in a positive way.

I am sure that if the question of any suggested deportation was put to many English people the answer would be that of alarm, disgust, and disbelief.

It makes me sad that this unfortunate incident should be presented in such a manner as to cause so much alarm and concern amongst the Jamaican population. If the British Government wants to curb immigration and sort out this issue, I suggest they look elsewhere, and leave these people to enjoy the benefits of our society as they rightly deserve.

ROBERT WESTWORTH

Rugeley

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Wedding day generosity

WHAT a wonderful Christian gesture it would be if Prince William donated a thousand pounds or so to each of the homeless in Windsor on his wedding day.

After all, the sole justification for his existence and obscene level of wealth is an unelected and archaic monarchy divinely ordained by a Christian god.

AYDON GREENWAY

Cannock

Bank ought to think about its customers

I AM dismayed to hear of the proposed closure on August 13 of Lloyds Bank in Market Street, Hednesford.

This follows the recent closure of the Pye Green post office, reducing still further banking options for local people. This concern is shared by all of the community and councillors, regardless of political persuasion.

In its 'Closing Branch Review - Part 1', Lloyds state a 'Detailed Impact Analysis' has been completed. I have personally written to Lloyds and requested full details of this document and also asked what consultation has taken place with customers.

It's simply not good enough to direct them to the next nearest branch. I recognise that Lloyd's is a business but surely there has to be a balance between making a profit and taking care of its customers.

BRYAN JONES

County Councillor for Hednesford and Rawnsley

No question over parking

WITH reference to the number of parking spaces outside 5's Pavilion and Sports Ground in Hednesford, why are the district and county councils now clashing over the bill? The district council passed the plans with inadequate parking so why should the county have to pay half when they have a full county with other things to pay for? The district council should pay for it and put this mistake right.

MRS J WOOD

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Helen to join 10-mile charity walk at castle

A MOTHER-OF-TWO who was diagnosed with Parkinson's disease last year will be stepping closer to a cure by taking part in a special walk this month.

Helen Wright, aged 34, from Penkridge, is taking on the Walk for Parkinson's fundraising event at Stafford Castle on May 13.

Joining her on the 10-mile route will be 10 of her family and friends.

Helen, who has already raised £1,400, said: "When I was diagnosed it was quite a shock."

"At first I had no idea what Parkinson's was, but my Parkinson's nurse explained it to me brilliantly and I felt much more positive afterwards."

"I've decided I've got to live life to the full and I've had amazing support from my friends and family."

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The funds raised by the Walk for Parkinson initiative will help Parkinson's UK to find better treatments and ultimately a cure for the 145,000 people in the UK living with the disease.

To sponsor Helen on her Stafford charity walk, visit www.justgiving.com/fundraising/helen-deel

To join the Stafford event visit www.parkinsons.org.uk/walkstafford



Helen Wright with her husband Chris and their two young sons

Youngsters urged: Getin2it

YOUNG people are being encouraged to get up, get active, and getin2it this spring and summer.

Lichfield District Council organises a sports and leisure activities development scheme called Getin2it for young people who live in or go to school in Burntwood or Lichfield. The sessions include trampolining, boxing, Us Girls and parkour, as well as dance, free-style gymnastics and multi sports.

They are run at a number of venues, including Burntwood Leisure

Centre and Open House at Cherry Close, Burntwood, as well as at Friary Grange Leisure Centre and Wade Street Church in Lichfield.

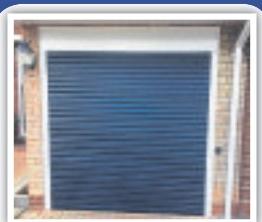
Councillor Iain Eadie, cabinet member for leisure, said: "We're really proud to offer a great range of activities. Our main focus is in Burntwood, where we offer the majority of sessions. However, we do have a smaller programme in Lichfield."

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TV duo's antiques road trip

THE stars of BBC's Antiques Road Trip were in Staffordshire to film for the popular show.

Experts took a trip to the Cuttlestones Auctioneers & Valuers in Penkridge to film an episode of the new series.

Television cameras captured Catherine Southon and Paul Laidlaw in action. During the trip, the pair enjoyed the atmosphere of a Wednesday market at Penkridge – meeting traders and shoppers.

Valuables they had bought throughout the week were auctioned off at Cuttlestones, as the pair battled it out to make the most cash on their items.

Paul said: "We are on the third auction of our road trip across the Midlands."

"We've both got five lots in this set. This location feels so vibrant – it's a proper functioning market."

"We came across from the East Midlands and touched across to Wales and then into Shropshire."



Paul Laidlaw, auctioneer Ben Gamble and Catherine Southon

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Police chief's knife crime call to hospital bosses

A POLICE chief has urged health bosses to work closer with the force to help tackle knife crime.

Staffordshire's Police & Crime Commissioner Matthew Ellis said some hospitals in the county were not providing information to the force about knife injuries.

He said this could make it tougher for police to collect intelligence.

Mr Ellis said there had been a 'worrying' rise in the amount of people caught with knives in the county in recent months, adding: "There has been a rise and the Youth Commission is doing a big piece of work on it."

"It is one of their priorities – working out why so many young people are determined to carry knives."

"One of the things that struck me



Commissioner Matthew Ellis

was the issue of the NHS and hospitals co-operating with police," Mr Ellis added.

"Two years ago there were issues with hospitals not providing informa-

tion when there were people coming in with stab wounds."

"They said they were sorting it but it has been raised yet again as a big problem as far as intelligence is concerned."

"Police need to know about these injuries as on the second or third time somebody could get seriously injured."

Tackle

Mr Ellis has now urged hospitals and other organisations to work closer with police to help fight knife crime.

He said: "I am looking for agencies to come together and really start to work together to tackle the problem."

Staffordshire Police have been cracking down on knife crime, taking part in the national week-long Operation Sceptre campaign in February, with high visibility patrols in areas where knife crime is more common.

Business village has new owner

A BUSINESS site in Heswall has been bought by Northern Trust.

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Co-op's partnership with Newlife brings in £1.5m

A LIFE-CHANGING partnership between a supermarket chain and charity has helped raise £1.5 million for disabled children in five years.

When employees of Central England Co-operative voted Newlife as its Charity of the Year for 2012-13, the partnership was intended to run for two years. The diary of fundraising activities was to provide specialist equipment for disabled children across the retailer's trading area.

Fast-forward five years and the alliance has broken records for both organisations, generating £1.5m for the charity, which has resulted in 720 children with disabilities or terminal conditions getting the specialist equipment they need, often after being refused by their health services.

Remarkable

Sarah Ashton, PR manager for Central England Co-op, said: "It was clear working with the charity was having a positive impact, so we chose to extend the partnership. Working with a charity for so many years in succession was unprecedented and the level of colleague engagement was remarkable."

"Making a difference to the communities we work in is central to our overall business objectives."

Central England Co-op employees undertook a host of fundraising activities during the five years including in-store cake sales, sparkle parties, and raffles through to skydives, challenge events and the London Marathon.

Nora Smith, head of community fundraising at Newlife, said: "The benefit for partners such as Central England Co-op is that every penny raised through their community fundraising efforts is spent directly on helping children locally within their trading area."



From left, Central England Co-op chief executive Martyn Cheatle, Newlife CEO Sheila Brown, Christine Smith and Matthew Smith, and Newlife consultant nurse Karen Dobson

Plea on children numbers

CANNOCK-BASED charity Newlife is urging the Government not to forget the 300,000 children 'missing' in its data and recognise there are more disabled children in the UK than ever.

The 'actual' latest figures show an increase of 15 per cent in the number of disabled children last year alone, explaining why local health and social care services are drastically failing to provide the care, support and equipment they need, the charity says.

Newlife CEO Sheila Brown said:

"By correcting its own information the Government has a real opportunity to improve service planning for disabled and terminally ill children and urgently improve essential services.

Recognising that there are 1.1 million disabled children - 300,000 more than the 0.8 million figures they use - will enable local commissioners to plan much more effectively."

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Fireworks not stored properly, trial is told

EXPLOSIVES at a fireworks factory where two men died had been stored 'inadequately', jurors have heard.

Evan Bale said he would have expected the 'spread of fire to be a lot slower' if the fireworks had been properly stored in packaging at the Stafford warehouse where Simon Hillier and Stuart Staples died.

The prosecution expert witness told Stafford Crown Court: "Just having the fireworks there does not in itself explain the speed at which the fire spread."

"The presence of the quantity of Hazard Type 3 fireworks contributed to the intensity of the fire."

"Adequate measures had not been taken to limit any fire."

Failing

Richard Pearson, the owner of SP Fireworks, who was also critically injured in the 2014 fire, denies two counts of manslaughter.

The prosecutions allege that the 43-year-old, of Holyrood Close, Stafford, caused the deaths of the two Hednesford men by gross negligence by failing to take reasonable care in the storage and handling of explosives.

Giving evidence, Mr Bale said he did not find evidence of fireworks being stored in pyromesh - packaging within a metal cage.

Mr Richard Furlong, defending, asked the witness: "It's right that fireworks don't, generally, spontaneously ignite?" Mr Bale replied: "True."

Mr Furlong went on to claim that Mr Hillier was grasping a modified rocket at the time of his death.

During the trial, the court has been told that the amount of fireworks stored at the Tilcon Avenue warehouse could have been up to 10 times more than permitted.

The trial continues.

Peer aids 'soft spot' charity



Lord Digby Jones with members of Cannock Friends of St Giles, from left, Janette Arrowsmith, Lynda Williams and Trish Mellor

LORD Digby Jones was the speaker at a fundraising event for St Giles Hospice.

He now sits as a non-aligned cross-bench peer in the House of Lords.

In his talk, he said he has long supported the hospice movement, holding a 'soft spot' for St Giles, the hospice which allowed a good friend of his to spend his last days in peace and dignity.

Lord Digby had taken along his latest book, which he sold and signed, all of the proceeds being donated to Cannock Friends of St Giles.

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FOCUS ON HEDNESFORD

Petition to keep town bank open

A PETITION has been launched against the decision to close the last remaining bank in Hednesford. Councillor Paul Woodhead is behind the online petition to save Lloyds.

The Banking Group is planning to shut 49 branches – including the one in Market Street. Residents and businesses say it would be a ‘sucker punch’.

Councillor Woodhead has launched the petition in an effort to save the branch – and to avoid customers having to travel to Cannock for their banking.

It will be supported by a paper version which is distributed across the town.

Green Party councillor Woodhead, who represents the Hednesford South Ward, said: “Lloyds Bank need to remember that they used our public money to stay afloat when facing ruin and they have a moral imperative to remain in our communities.”

More than 1,200 jobs will also be axed when the branches close as part of a nationwide shake-up, the banking group said.

Michael Perks, owner of nearby business Heads 2 Tails Grooming and Pet

Supplies said: “We are all doing what we can to survive as traders on the high street, coming up with ideas to attract new customers and providing great customer service for everyone who visits the town.

“This decision by people outside of our town, sitting in ivory towers is a real sucker punch to small businesses in Hednesford,” he added.

A target of 400 signatures has been set on the online petition – with the number nearly met already in just a matter of days.

Resident Maurice Davies added: “This decision will hit the elderly and disabled most and we need Lloyds to change their mind.”

Pipe dream comes true for boss Barry



Barry Rudge has been appointed manager at James Hargreaves Plumbing Depot in Hednesford

BARRY Rudge is plumbing new heights after landing a dream job on home soil. He has been appointed manager of the new £250,000 Hednesford branch in James Hargreaves Plumbing Depot's fast-expanding chain.

Sited on the Brindley Business Park, Hednesford represents the 59th branch in the company's expanding portfolio and will incorporate a 15-bay bathroom showroom.

The new boss, who lives in Hednesford and boasts close on four decades of experience in the industry, is not at all fazed by the challenge. “It couldn't be better for me and I am determined to put both my know-how and local knowledge to good use,” said Wolverhampton-born Barry. “I have done most jobs within this business, but the real excitement here is the chance to take on a branch from scratch in an area I know so well.”

After leaving the former Wards Bridge High School, in Wednesfield, at 16, Barry started his plumbing and heating career as a trade counter assistant, spent time in sales and later rose to management, running a store in Cannock for a national plumbing firm for 20 years.



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Wheatsheaf reaps award



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Mr Pearson said he was delighted to present the award to The Wheatsheaf and assistant manager Liam Maxwell.

Who wins the award is decided by the scores for the area which are recorded on the WhatPub Camra beer scoring website.

The highest scoring pubs on WhatPub are then voted on at the Camra branch meeting, with the winner being given the accolade of Pub of the Season.

A CHESLYN HAY manufacturer has secured a major contract to support one of Iceland's key suppliers to the fishing sector.

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tal in Birmingham, he had six months to live – unless he underwent a double lung transplant.

Consultant respiratory physician Dr Arvind Rajasekaran was determined to save his patient, and so contacted the Royal Papworth Hospital, in Cambridge, in the hope they would assist in finding a donor, and be able to carry out the operation.

Within two months a suitable donor

was found and Michael underwent the operation in June last year. Michael, aged 60, said: "I feel extremely grateful to the person who donated their lungs to me."

"It was a miracle for me and my family. I feel that I have been given a second chance and I need to make the most of it."

"Without the transplant, I would not have been able to see my great grandson, who was born in January. It was an amazing moment meeting baby O'Shea, and one I thought would never happen."

Michael added: "Before I had this condition, I was very healthy and I worked full time. Then all of a sudden I started showing symptoms of sarcoidosis. I struggled to move from one room to another, and I wasn't able to breathe very well. I felt exhausted taking just small steps. I even needed to use an electronic wheelchair to go to the toilet."

Support

"I feel enormously grateful to the support that I have received from my family, our friends, and our church community who have always been there for me. I am a very fortunate person, as I know it's not always easy to find a match, especially for people from the African Caribbean community like myself."

"I hope that my story will inspire more people to consider organ donation because it saves lives."

After his diagnosis, Michael had to use a non-invasive ventilator machine to keep him breathing as he slept.

Dr Rajasekaran said: "An organ from someone of the same ethnic group is more likely to be a better match."



Michael with his grandson O'Shea and, right, in hospital

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Students on a high in fundraising stunt



From left, Hannah Ridgway, Emily Wilkinson and Emily Upton, took part in a tandem skydive, inset

THREE sixth form students from Kingsmead School in Hedgesford took to the sky recently to raise money for three charities.

The students, Emily Upton, Emily Wilkinson and Hannah Ridgway, who are all in Year 13, completed a tandem skydive from 13,000ft in Peterborough.

Between them they raised £2,000 for their three charities – Make a Wish, Stroke Association and Medical Detection Dogs.

History teacher and the school's head of Valley House, Russell Broomhall, said: "Kingsmead is incredibly proud of all three students, who showed a willingness to step out of their comfort zone and try something new, all in an effort to raise money for worthy causes."

Growing JLR plant is now about to get even busier

IT is the UK's biggest and busiest engine factory and is set to get even busier. Some 1,800 people now work at Jaguar Land Rover's engine manufacturing centre on the i54 site.

Six years ago ground was broken on the project, originally envisaged as an 800,000 sq ft plant costing £355 million and employing up to 750 people.

By Simon Penfold

Two major expansion decisions later, it extends across more than two million sq ft, from the M54 in the north to Wobaston Road to the south – the equivalent of 28 football pitches.

The West Midlands-based luxury car maker has so far invested £1 billion in the site, which was confirmed as the UK's busiest and biggest engine factory earlier this year as figures revealed 305,907 of its petrol and diesel engines rolled off the i54 production line.

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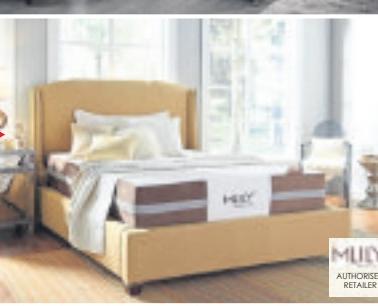
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Murder victim Nunes: Family lose payout case

A MURDER victim's family have been refused a police payout despite serious failings in a botched investigation.

Staffordshire Police force's insurers have turned down a claim made on behalf of Kevin Nunes' son with his family saying they have been 'left out in the cold' after two men acquitted of the murder were given £200,000.

The former Stafford Rangers player was found dead in a country lane in Pattingham where he had been gunned down.

Five men were convicted of the 20-year-old's death, but later acquitted after a report into detective wrongdoing and mishandling of a witness was not disclosed to the trial judge.

Unsolved

Damages totalling £200,000 were paid to two of the four men – Antonio Christie, of Great Bridge and Levi Walker, of Edgbaston – who had their convictions of murder overturned.

Now 16 years on Kevin Nunes' murderer remains unsolved.

And his family said police failings in the case had caused more suffering for his 15-year-old son. But the claim for misfeasance in public office has been dismissed by the force's insurers.

Benjamin Williams, brother of Nunes' partner Leanne, said: "We want closure for his son who has suffered mentally from the acquittals and subsequent coverage of police failings in the case. It is not over, we will continue to push for a result. We believe the force should pay for the impact the failed case has had on his son."

He added: "It is especially dis-



Kevin Nunes – a formal review has been launched

appointing when settlements were agreed for some of those acquitted."

Nunes' partner Leanne, 34, lives with their son in the Black Country. She said: "I'm massively disappointed, on the basis that it just feels like everyone and anyone has been rewarded or compensated in some form, yet the victim's family have just been left in the cold."

The claim was based on alleged gross misconduct by retired Staffordshire Chief Constable Jane Sawyers, former Northamptonshire Chief Constable Adrian Lee, ex-Gloucestershire Chief Constable Suzette Davenport, and former West Midlands Assistant



Nunes' former partner Leanne Williams and her brother Benjamin

Chief Constable Marcus Beale. It said their alleged failings, and subsequent acquittals, had resulted in Nunes' son suffering psychological damage, including complex traumatic grief.

The case can still be pursued through court. In a letter, the force's solicitors Weightmans said: "Whilst we recognise that failings by Staffordshire Police have caused the claimant and members of his family considerable upset and distress, liability is denied."

This month, a formal review into the murder was launched by Merseyside Police. It will determine if the case can be re-investigated.

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Awards honour hospital staff

THE hard work of hospital staff was recognised at a celebration evening. More than 150 Royal Wolverhampton NHS Trust employees were invited to the Royal Awards ceremony at Molineux Stadium.

David Loughton, chief executive of RWT, which also runs Cannock Chase Hospital, said: "Celebrating the excellent work our staff do is always something that I am proud and honoured to do."

Winners included Anne Wardell, for positive impact on patient experience; Sarah

Jewes for commitment to service improvement and Carrie Manifold and the Cannock chemotherapy team for inspiring leadership and dedication to service delivery.

Kelly Forrester won for supporting complex patient needs, while Kim Williams was rewarded for demonstrating care and compassion. The cardiothoracic team was honoured for dedication to quality and effectiveness, the Clinical Fellowship Programme for innovation and West Park Surgery for excellence in teamwork.

Helpful driver is set upon by car-jackers

A DRIVER was stopped by teenagers who appeared to be in need of help before attacking him and stealing his car. The car-jacking incident, happened along Lime Lane, close to the junction with Wyrley Lane, near Norton Canes.

The 45-year-old driver, from Heath Hayes, saw two boys lying in the road with two others standing over them. When he stopped to help what appeared to be two teenagers in distress, he was verbally abused and then physically assaulted. His keys were stolen and the youths made off with his car.

Councillor Mike Hoare, who represents Norton Canes, said: "It's an awful thing to have happened - I am shocked to hear it."

"These incidents are horrible to hear about. It sounds like this man has gone out of his way to be a good Samaritan."

"There's always people that are prepared to do whatever they want for people who can't defend themselves. They are cowards really."

The victim was not seriously injured, but suffered soreness and swelling to his face.

Concerned

The stolen car is a black Renault Clio, registration number HK13 HKH.

Staffordshire Police is appealing for witnesses and warned people to be on their guard. A spokesman said: "If any other lone drivers are confronted by a similar situation and are concerned for their safety, our advice would be to call 101 and report it immediately to police."

"Do not put yourself or others in danger."

Witnesses, or anyone who has seen the car since, is asked to call 101, quoting incident number 386 of April 23. Or, call Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111.

Sappers meet

THE Cannock branch of the Royal Engineers Association holds its monthly meeting on Tuesday, May 8. All Sappers past and present are welcome to attend at The Drill Hall (Army Reserve Centre), Walsall Road, Bridgtown, from 8pm.

Sister Sophie, mother Becky and Bethany Jennings

A BURNTWOOD schoolgirl who beat kidney cancer is calling on women and children to get caked in mud for a good cause.

Bethany Jennings, a 10-year-old Ridgeway Primary pupil, has launched the first ever Race for Life 'Pretty Muddy Kids' event at Weston Park on Saturday, May 12,

raising money for Cancer Research UK.

The specially designed course, which features fun and filthy slides, scramble nets and space hoppers, takes place alongside the adults' Pretty Muddy 5k and 10k events.

Bethany was diagnosed with a rare kidney cancer called a Wilms Tumour in August 2015. She endured five weeks of chemotherapy before undergoing a five-and-a-half-hour operation to remove her kidney followed by another 26 weeks of chemotherapy. She will be joined at Pretty Muddy by 13-year-old sister Sophie and their mother Becky.

It is open to children aged from five to 13, who are at least 1.2m tall. Supervising adults have free entry. Register at www.raceforlife.org or call 0300 123 0770.

Book in for workshops

Plea over goods sold on social media sites

A FARM near Stafford opens its seasonal plant centre tomorrow (Friday).

Canalside Farm at Great Haywood is also hosting hanging basket workshops, from 6.30pm on May 9, 10, 15 and 17.

The workshops cost £5 and places can be booked via anna@canalsidefarm.co.uk or by visiting www.canalsidefarm.co.uk.

POLICE are warning people to be wary of what they buy online from social media sites like Facebook.

Officers, acting on information that beauty products and candles were being sold via Facebook, visited a home in the Newcastle-under-Lyme area and recovered hundreds of pounds worth of goods stolen from Boots and Wilkinson's including Yankee Candles, hairdryers, beauty and make-up sets and perfume.

A 40-year-old woman was voluntarily interviewed at Newcastle police station where she admitted to stealing the items. She will now be charged and appear in court.

A Staffordshire Police spokesman urged anyone with any suspicions to call 101.

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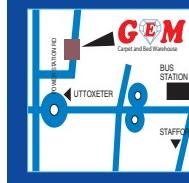
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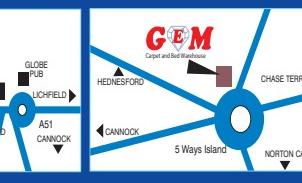
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'Clear and compelling vision' is key to success of school

Commercial feature

The Hart School is celebrating after Ofsted rated it good and praised its "clear and compelling vision to provide excellent education at the heart of the community".

The Rugeley school was last inspected in 2013 when it was Fair Oak Academy, but in 2016 it merged with Hagley Park to create The Hart School.

The latest inspection praises new principal Chris Keen's "strong leadership", highlights how teaching has been "strengthened" in the last two years and the quality of education provided "overhauled", particularly in the sixth form.

The Ofsted report states: "The new headteacher provides very good leadership and management."

Community

"He has established a clear and compelling vision for a single school providing excellent education at the heart of its community."

"The headteacher is well supported by a hardworking group of senior leaders who have introduced higher expectations of pupil behaviour, the quality of teaching and learning, and the progress made by pupils."

"Together with staff and governors, they have overhauled the quality of education provided."

"Teaching has been strengthened in the last two years. The sixth form has improved since the last inspection and provides a good quality of education."

"New subject leaders are working with teachers in mathematics, science and English to ensure pupils'



Principal Chris Keen was praised by Ofsted for his 'strong leadership'

progress accelerates rapidly towards expected levels. Wide extra-curricular opportunities extend pupils' horizons. The school is a tolerant and welcoming community, which prepares pupils well for life after school."

Principal Chris Keen said: "Ofsted inspections involve all members of the school community and are a 'warts and all' appraisal of progress."

"It's gratifying that the enormous efforts made by students, parents, teaching staff, the support team and the leadership group, under

the guidance of Creative Education Trust, have been recognised in this overwhelmingly positive assessment."

The Ofsted report's publication comes as the school, which attracts pupils from Rugeley, Lichfield and Cannock, is progressing plans to merge both school sites onto a single site in Penkridge Bank Road from September. The move will allow a raft of improvements to be made to further build on the school's success.

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Sailing helps Josie to make waves



Josie Crane is urging people to Push the Boat Out during a month of free try it out events

AN 18-year-old Kings Bromley sailor insists free taster sessions have helped her make waves in the world. Josie Crane was bitten by the sailing bug on a school taster session and hasn't looked back.

She attended a free open day at Manor Park Sailing Club seven years ago and has since spent three months in Connecticut as 'Head of Sailing' at Camp America. Josie is now studying for a BEng (Hons) in Yacht and Powercraft Design at Southampton Solent University, the only female on her course.

Ahead of a month free Royal Yachting Association Push the Boat Out events taking place in May, she said: "Without sailing I wouldn't be at university, I

NEWS IN BRIEF

Take pot luck on plant sale stall

SALEM Church in Cheslyn Hay is holding its annual plant sale on Saturday, May 12 from 10am to 2pm at the church hall in High Street.

There will be a pot luck stall where people take along their splits and/or cuttings from their garden to swap with others. Admission is free. Email johnranford877@btinternet.com

Quiz to help out research charity

A FUNDRAISING quiz takes place in Cheslyn Hay tomorrow (Friday).

Teams of up to five people can take part at Hawkins Sports & Social Club, in Coppice Lane, from 8.30pm, in aid of Alzheimer's Research UK.

There will also be a raffle. Cost to enter is £10 per team. Book a table on 07792 177310 or turn up on the night.

999 staff attacks rise

ATTACKS on ambulance staff in the West Midlands have almost doubled in five years – but only 20 per cent of offenders had been punished by police and the courts.

West Midlands Ambulance Service workers suffered 325 physical assaults in 2017-18, up from 175 in 2012-13, new figures show.

But of the 1,597 attacks over six years, just 20 per cent – 324 – led to police or court action. Civil actions such as warning letters were sent out in 10 per cent – 158 – of the cases. The figures were revealed by

the GMB union, which has compiled the number of attacks from all ambulance services in the country.

Examples of violent attacks reported by GMB members include being bitten, stabbed and having blood spat at them by drug users.

A survey by the union of 500 ambulance staff across the UK also found 37 per cent had considered leaving their job due to the threat of violence. And 21 per cent of ambulance staff had to take sick leave due to violent assaults.

Kevin Brandstatter, GMB NHS National Officer, said: "The number of attacks faced by ambulance workers as they try to save lives is beyond unacceptable."

A BELLY dancing group is looking for new members.

The Lichfield-based club, now in its 17th year, practises at Bole Park hall every Thursday. It performs annually at the Lichfield Festival and at Carton Hall. Women of all ages and sizes are invited to join. For more details, contact Maria on 07989 857277.

Bingo! Fun in village

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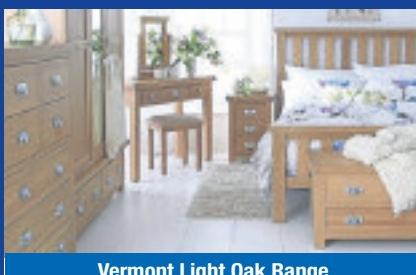
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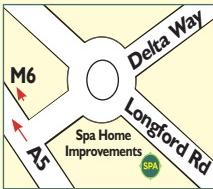


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Plans unveiled for 60 homes in village

MORE than 60 homes and a 90-bed residential care home could be built in a Staffordshire village.

West Bromwich-based Accord Housing Association has lodged the application with Lichfield District Council, for near Bridge Farm in Fradley. It includes plans for 63 houses and a dementia care home for 90 people.

There would be 28 three-bedroom, 27 two-bedroom and eight four-bedroom properties. All the homes will be for private sale, with a 37 per cent provision for affordable housing. Sixty of the 90 beds will be deemed affordable rent and the remaining 30 classed as private rent. There will be 171 parking spaces and a central public open space, called The Village Green, will be introduced.

It will be turfed and have a play area to 'encourage resident interaction'. The play area will be formed using natural materials such as timber logs and large boulders.

£4m to help long-term jobless back into work

MORE than £4 million of funding is on offer to help thousands of disadvantaged people and long-term jobseekers get into work.

A sum of £211,221 has been allocated for delivery in Cannock North – and organisations including local authorities, colleges and independent training providers are being invited to bid.

The money is being made available to the West Midlands Combined

Authority (WMCA) by the Department for Work and Pensions (DWP) to give people tailored job advice and specialist support.

The Employment Support Pilot schemes will also help equip low-paid workers with the skills needed to land better jobs. The schemes will run in nine communities across the wider West Midlands.

The programme will help up to 4,500 people find work, with an emphasis on helping people into better paid jobs. There will be a particular

focus on young people, disabled people and other vulnerable groups.

The WMCA, which will be developing the schemes, is now inviting organisations to bid for a slice of the funding.

Tony McGovern, managing director at Cannock Chase Council, said: "I am delighted that people in Cannock North, especially young and disabled people, as well as other vulnerable groups will get enhanced support to secure employment and increase their skills."

Groups get a share of £2,000 show fund

THE organisers of Eccleshall Show have announced that six organisations will receive donations following the 70th annual show last September.

A total of £1,900 is being shared between Eccleshall First Responders, the newly established Eccleshall Drivers Scheme, Eccleshall War Memorial, Staffordshire Women's Aid, and Staffordshire Blood Bikes – with a gift of £100 to be given to Drake Hall Women's Prison in recognition of the help they gave both on the day of the show and with the clearing up. The 2017 show proved to be the most successful ever, and plans for the 2018 show on Saturday September 1, at Sugnall Parks are well under way.

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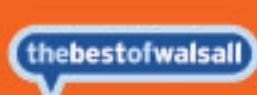
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Kind act of homage to an unknown war hero



John Allman, president of the Cannock Chase branch of the RAFA, presents Wayne Hartshorne with his certificate

FOR more than quarter of a century, he has been tending the grave of a complete stranger. Now Wayne Hartshorne has been recognised for his quiet act of homage to an Australian airman killed in action 23 years before he was born.

Although he never knew the Second World War navigator, Wayne noticed his grave needed tending when visiting his grandparents' place of rest at Cannock Chase Cemetery. He said: "It just seemed like the right thing to do."

A greenkeeper at Beaudesert Golf Club, he was ideally qualified for the task. And his friends Richard Pursehouse and Lee Dent, of the Chase Project, discovered that airman John Burrows, from an affluent suburb of Melbourne, wed Marjorie Preece, of Dartmouth Road, Cannock, in her hometown on August 29, 1942, six months before he was killed.

Wayne, 52, of Woodside Place, Cannock, was presented with a certificate of appreciation by the Cannock Chase branch of the Royal Air Forces Association, organised by the Cannock Chase 573 branch of the Royal Air Forces Association. He called the experience 'very humbling'.

Inmate, 20, held doctor prisoner with 'knife'

AN inmate who held a doctor captive while threatening him with a makeshift 'knife' has had his sentence extended.

Jonathan Ndila took out a toothbrush melted with a razor blade after attending a GP surgery at HMP Brinsford in Featherstone. The 20-year-old had gone there ostensibly for treatment to a hand injury.

But he brandished the weapon at Dr Nabeel Malik, the two-day trial at Stafford Crown Court heard.

Ndila told police that he had pulled the knife on himself while asking the doctor for help, claiming that he had been hearing voices and had not been treated for it.

He pleaded not guilty to false imprisonment, unauthorised possession in prison of a knife or offensive weapon and assault by beating on March 31 last year.

Jurors were told Dr Malik was in a consultation room at the young offenders' institution, sitting with his back to the door.

Mr Julian Taylor, prosecuting, said the inmate sat down next to the GP and told him his hand was hurting as the result of a fight.

By Marion Brennan

The defendant then 'suddenly' got up and tried to wedge the door shut with a chair. A colleague raised the alert while another medic leaned on the door to stop it shutting.

Prison officers tried to diffuse the situation but Ndila pulled out the hand-made 'knife', jurors were told.

The inmate, of Lambeth, London, then demanded a transfer out of Brinsford. Ndila gave the blade to one of the medical team and was taken to a segregation unit.

The jury found him guilty of false imprisonment and unauthorised possession in prison of a knife. He was cleared of assault. He was sentenced to a total of three years behind bars.



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Everyone is invited to give their views as part of Lichfield District Council's Local Plan Review from 30 April to 11 June.

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You can also send us your comments by emailing developmentplans@lichfielddc.gov.uk or in writing to Spatial Policy and Delivery, District Council House, Frog Lane, Lichfield WS13 6YZ.

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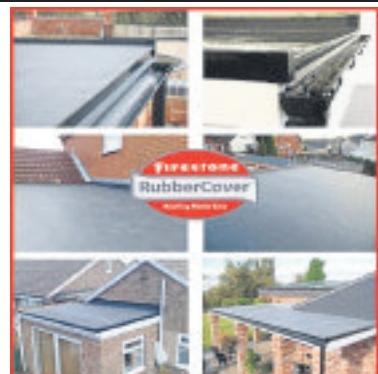
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Canal clean-up team ready to get sowing

VOLUNTEERS are required for a clean-up at Brindley Bank in Rugeley, near the aqueduct on the Trent & Mersey Canal. Members of the Inland Waterways Association will be gardening and preparing the ground to sow wild-flower seeds which they are providing.

There will also be some litter picking, and grass and vegetation cutting. It is hoped that a team will be able to go to Leathemill Lane to repair the top stop which has been broken.

Depending on numbers, it seems likely that the clean-up will finish about lunchtime.

The Canal and River Trust will provide lunch, hot drinks and cake.

Anyone requiring more information can contact Margaret Beardsmore at margaret.beardsmore@waterways.org.uk or on 07581 794111.

'Crime epidemic' as annual number of car thefts doubles

A RISE in car theft – from 5,000 to nearly 10,000 a year – has been described as an epidemic by West Midlands Police and Crime Commissioner David Jamieson.

He made the comment following a summit with car manufacturers.

Mr Jamieson asked bosses from BMW, Ford, Nissan, Jaguar Land Rover, Audi and Honda to increase the security for their vehicles.

Speaking at a meeting for the

strategic crime and policing board, Mr Jamieson said: "The number of vehicles stolen has doubled over the last two years. It is clear that there is organised crime going on here and it's causing a huge amount of misery and, of course, even if you haven't had your car stolen."

"I renewed my insurance on my car last night and discovered how it has escalated enormously because we're all paying for this. We are now facing an epidemic." He wants manufacturers to install extra security on

keyless devices. He added: "We are seeing that vehicles are being electronically stolen – stolen within 20 to 30 seconds from people's drives."

He says the kit used by gangs to open the cars are available for sale online. Dr Steffan George of the Master Locksmiths Association is backing Mr Jamieson.

He said: "The open availability of electronic compromise equipment, lock picks and other tools that only locksmiths should have access to is distressing for our industry."

Blockbusters on the big screen in park

BEACON Park in Lichfield is to host two drive-in movies this month. Movie lovers are in for a treat as the cult British comedy *The Italian Job* (1969 version) will be screened on Saturday, May 12 and then the much loved *Dirty Dancing* will play on Saturday, May 19.

The films will be shown to people in their cars on a giant inflatable screen, and movie-goers simply need to tune their vehicle radios in to hear the soundtrack.

There will also be a reserved area in front of the cars for on-foot ticket holders to take along chairs and enjoy the film outside. Gates will open at midday to allow audience members to park up and enjoy the local attractions.

Both films will start at around 9.15pm. Admission to the drive-ins is by pre-booked ticket only. It costs £25 a car per movie and £5 for on-foot customers. *The Italian Job* is certificate PG and *Dirty Dancing* is certificate 15.

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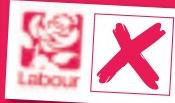
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We're Crazy For an all-dancing musical

You can't beat glorious Gershwin, and the composer has no greater fan than Tom Chambers, who's fulfilling a teenage dream by starring in the musical *Crazy For You*.

By the time the curtain came down on a production of *Crazy For You* in the early 1990s, the then-15-year-old Tom Chambers knew his heart lay in performing. "It was the very first live musical I ever saw on stage and it just filled me with so much entertainment and wonder. It was amazing to see what they did with the theatre space and how the story was told. It was the only bit of theatre which truly inspired me."

In a career which has featured a number of crazy twists of fate as well as some fantastic roles, Tom is relishing the chance to recapture that teenage dream and play the lead role in the production, which plays Wolverhampton Grand Theatre from Tuesday until May 12.

He plays Bobby, a banker sent to close down a failing theatre who falls for the daughter of the building's proprietor. Determined to win her heart, he adopts the guise of a Hungarian impresario in order to save the theatre and win her heart.

And so, the stage is set for an all-singing, all-dancing story set to a Gershwin soundtrack which includes the likes of *They Can't Take That Away From Me*, *Bidin' My Time* and, of course, *I've Got Rhythm*.

Tom admits he always had a bit of a performing instinct from rattling his feet on the kitchen floor at home from a very young age, and then enjoying watching black-and-white films starring the likes of Gene Kelly. But it was a school play that saw him tread the boards for the first time.

He laughs: "I was playing football during a school break and the English teacher, who was directing the play, said no-one had auditioned for it so there was a compulsory three o'clock audition. I ended up getting the title role in *Dracula Spectacular*. I loved that relationship recognition between the audience and I. It was fantastic making them respond."

Drama school followed which included a stint understudying Keith Chegwin in the pantomime *Cinderella* at Basingstoke ("It is one of my claims to fame"), and his first job after leaving was a Spanish TV ad for Kit Kat. Tom says: "I thought this is great. I am going to get non-stop work," but things did not quite work out like that. He had to turn down a role in *The Bill* because they needed an HGV driver although Tom has now got his Class One lorry-driving licence in common with Chris Eubank.

And when he turned down a role in the tour of *Bob The Builder*, his agent fired him leaving him in a quandary about what to do next. He enjoyed some success with the movie *Fakers* which was privately financed and enjoyed a limited cinema release but the work was drying up.

So, he took one final shot at success by aiming to get onto the Royal Variety Performance in the days before Britain's Got Talent and YouTube. He said: "I wrote a letter suggesting I do a Fred Astaire routine on a drum kit and I thought that might appeal, with me tap dancing and kicking drums at the same time. They said get it ready and I spent nine-and-a-half months doing just that. A

Putting on the glitz – Claire Sweeney and Tom Chambers



few weeks beforehand, they then got in touch and said we now have everyone we need. We don't want you, which was a blow.

"So I got in touch with my old school and asked if I could perform it on their stage in the holidays and I got it filmed in black and white. I had 1,000 DVDs made of it sending 400 to America and sent 600 out in this country to theatre owners, directors and TV producers asking if they were doing anything connected to Fred Astaire and, if so, could I have a chat?"

Only two people came back. One was a theatre producer organising a one-night Fred and Ginger tribute, while Tom said the other was an audition for BBC medical drama *Holby City*. "The producers just thought it was so unusual. They were looking for someone to play an American doctor for two episodes. As Fred Astaire was American, they thought I was too and wanted to get me in. I went to the audition and they said 'where have you been all these years?'

From there he won the part of Sam Strachan in the hit sister show to *Casualty* staying in the role for three years as the fiercely-driven doctor who also had a bit of a roving eye.

And it was his role on there that led him into Strictly Come Dancing where he partnered Camilla Dallerup, winning the coveted glitterball. Looking back on his time on the Saturday night TV hit, he admits a lot of it is a blur. Tom explains: "People ask if I can do a quick step or a samba. I have to explain that I had a few days intense workout on each of those routines. It is such a quick short-term memory injection and that is

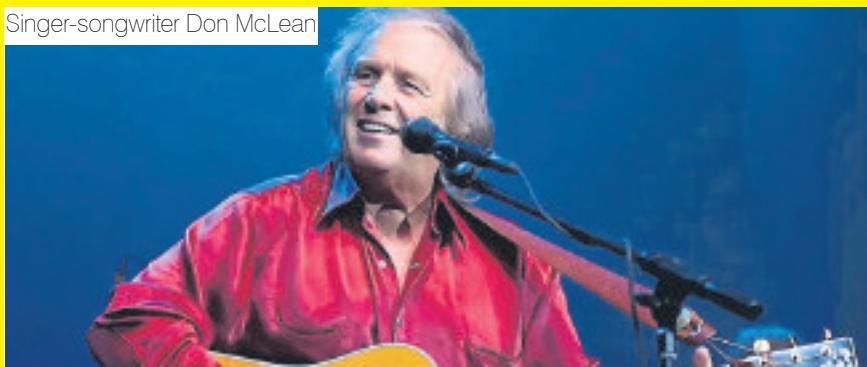
Bit like Strictly with everything slotting into place in the right order

it. It was a bit like doing a marathon. You do step-by-step doing a couple of miles at a time and you look back and you don't know how you did it. It is the same with Strictly. Your body naturally gets used to physical exertion and a daily workout but it is the brain that suffers most because of trepidation, fear and anxiety. You are just learning so much. You just go in front of the cameras and the audience and give it your all. I look back now. If I watch anything online of one of our dances, I am looking at it as if I am watching someone else. At the time, you are performing, your brain is just in flight mode."

And now it is *Crazy For You* which is set to take up the rest of his year. "I think *Crazy For You* has the absolutely perfect balance of humour, story and singing. There are so many musicals that are heavy on just one element but this show has the perfect combination of everything. It is a bit like the show dance on Strictly with everything slotting into place in the right order." ANDY RICHARDSON

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Singer-songwriter Don McLean



My my it's Mr American Pie at Symphony Hall

PROLIFIC American songwriter Don McLean will visit Birmingham's Symphony Hall next Thursday, May 10, as part of a 14-date UK tour with Nashville star, Jarrod Dickenson.

The show follows the release of McLean's new album 'Botanical Gardens' in March.

With more than 40 gold and platinum records worldwide, Don McLean is one of America's most beloved singer-songwriters. Botanical Gardens, his 19th studio album and first in eight years, is arguably one of his most reflective to date.

Don says: "The inspiration for the project started years ago when I would walk in the beautiful gardens in Sydney, Australia, near the Opera House. I would dream young dreams and it was a comfort and an

inspiration. I was always young inside, like we all are, and I felt it again there."

In nearly 50 years on the scene, Don's songs have become a staple in Americana music. His music has been performed by artists as diverse as Elvis Presley, Madonna, Fred Astaire, Chet Atkins, Weird Al Yankovic, George Michael, Josh Groban, Coolio and Ed Sheeran. His biggest hit 'American Pie' was inducted into the Grammy Hall of Fame in 2003.

Joining Don on tour by request is Jarrod Dickenson. The Nashville-based, Texas-born musician has already supported acts ranging from Bonnie Raitt to The Stylistics, and he counts himself among McLean's fans, saying: "His contribution to popular music and the craft of song writing can't be overstated."

McIntyre is making merry on world tour

He's become one of the most popular British comics of all time.

Michael McIntyre will return to Birmingham for his latest run of shows – Big World Tour – with dates at the city's Arena from next Thursday, May 10, to May 13.

The star has already sold more than 1.5 million tickets in the UK.

By 2012 he was the highest grossing comedian in the world and, in addition to stand-up, has hosted his own BBC One TV shows, Michael McIntyre's Comedy Roadshow and Michael McIntyre's Big Show, has featured in Live at



the Apollo and, in 2011, was a judge on Britain's Got Talent.

He is looking forward to getting back on stage. "I'm so excited about it. Stand-up comedy is what I do, and it's so rewarding," he says. "If you write a joke and tell it to an audience of 15,000 people who laugh their heads off at it, it's the best feeling in the world."

"This is comedy. We are trying to make people laugh here. So, let's be really silly for two hours. That's where I come in.

"My show is about silliness and exaggerated stories. I like jokes where people don't stop laughing. I want that all the time."

"I don't just like to use punchlines anymore, especially in arenas. They freak me out. There is nothing worse than 15,000 people waiting for a punchline. You're standing there thinking, 'I hope I remember the punchline.' But once you start to think that, you immediately forget it."

"I prefer getting into that sense of rolling laughter. When you get that right, there's no better feeling. I used to be daunted by the prospect of performing in an arena. But having played so many arenas now, I can see that there is something rather magical about them."

Love Always a success for Shane

Westlife singer Shane Filan is back, fresh from the success of his hugely successful Love Always tour in autumn 2017 and will be in concert at Birmingham's New Alexandra Theatre on Saturday. Shane says: "Birmingham has such an amazing crowd, I just had to perform here again. In fact, the whole tour went so well I thought I would love to take it back out. It was such fun and the fans have taken Love Always to their hearts. I may be adding a few surprises to make this leg a little different."



Joe's mischief makes his tour a comedy hit

With sell out nights across the country it's safe to say that Birmingham comic Joe Lycett's latest tour – splendidly named I'm About To Lose Control And I Think Joe Lycett – is a huge success. His laconic skewering of pomposity and humourless officialdom via email battles has certainly struck a chord. The Hall Green comedian can expect a warm home welcome at the New Alexandra Theatre on May 10 and 11, before returning to his home region at a sold out Dudley Town Hall on September 7. He has additional dates on November 12 and 27 at Symphony Hall and Wolverhampton's Aldersley Leisure Village on November 26. There is comedy this week with those Grumpy Old Women – Jenny Eclair, Dillie Keane and Lizzie Roper – on Wednesday, May 9, at the New Alexandra Theatre in Birmingham.

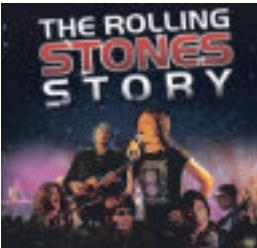
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CHOICE

Alice Roberts

Britain's Most Historic Towns

(Channel 4, 8pm)

Alice Roberts tells the story of the Regency period by studying the history of Cheltenham, Britain's most Regency town. She attends a period society ball, investigates the rigid social hierarchy of the age and explores the Regency fondness for enemas. The penultimate episode of the series in which Alice Roberts studies one key period in history by delving into the secrets of a historic town that encapsulates the era, providing an accurate impression of what life was really like at key moments in the turbulent past.

BBC1

- 6.00 Breakfast, 10.00 Saturday Kitchen Live, 11.30 The Hairy Bikers' Asian Adventure.** (R) **12.00 Football Focus.**
- 1.00 BBC News; Weather.** **1.15 Bargain Hunt.** (R) **2.15 Live Snooker: The World Championship.** The opening semi-final is set to come to a conclusion.
- 4.10 BBC News.** **4.20 Regional Programme.** **4.30 Final Score.** **5.10 Live Women's FA Cup Football.** Arsenal Women v Chelsea Ladies (kick-off 5.30pm).
- 7.40 Pointless Celebrities.** Alexander Armstrong and Richard Osman present as famous children's TV presenters take part in the general knowledge quiz in which they try to come up with the least likely correct answers to a series of questions posed to members of the public. The contestants are Timmy Mallett, Jenny Hanley, Michaela Strachan, Janet Ellis, JB Gill and Cat Sanderson.
- 8.30 Who Dares Wins.** Nick Knowles presents the game show in which two pairs of complete strangers team up, each battling to outdo the other by listing as much as they know about a given subject. The first couple to win two rounds get to play for £50,000 and each time the champions defeat a new set of opponents their winnings mount up.
- 9.15 Casualty.** Connie Beauchamp returns and wastes no time in reasserting her authority, taking over the care of a patient in resus and pitching her idea for a trauma theatre to a sceptical Charlie. Ethan visits the spot where Cal died to pay his respects, and he unexpectedly sees Leigh-Anne – the girlfriend of his brother's murderer. A number of staff members come in to work hungover following a housewarming party at Alicia's new house.
- 10.05 BBC News; Weather; National Lottery Update**
- 10.25 Match of the Day.** Gary Lineker presents highlights of the latest Premier League matches.
- 11.45 The Button.** Game show set simultaneously in the houses of five UK families, whose members compete to win challenges determined by The Button in the comfort of their living rooms. (R)
- 12.15 Film:** When in Rome. (2009) **1.40 Weather for the Week Ahead.** **1.45 BBC News.**

BBC2

- 6.15 David Attenborough's Natural Curiosities.** (R) **6.40 Naomi's Nightmares of Nature.** (R) **7.10 The Pet Factor.** **7.30 The Denequines.** **8.00 Absolute Genius: Monster Builds.** **8.30 Beyond Bionic.**
- 9.00 Robot Wars.** (R) **10.00 Live Snooker: The World Championship.** **1.10 Top of the Shop with Tom Kerridge.** (R) **2.10 Top of the Shop with Tom Kerridge.** (R)
- 4.10 Live Snooker: The World Championship.** The opening semi-final is set to come to a conclusion.
- 6.00 The World's Most Extraordinary Homes.** Award-winning architect Piers Taylor and actress and property enthusiast Caroline Quentin explore extraordinary homes built in mountain, forest, coastal and underground locations around the world, meeting the owners and architects brave enough to take the challenges on. (R)
- 7.00 Dad's Army.** A land mine cuts off all power and communications services in Walmington-on-Sea, but Captain Mainwaring rises to the challenge by declaring martial law – while Pike gets stuck on some iron railings. Vintage comedy first broadcast in 1974, starring Arthur Lowe and Ian Lavender. (R)
- 7.30 Live Snooker: The World Championship.** Hazel Irvine presents coverage of the fourth and final session of the second semi-final at the Crucible Theatre in Sheffield, where the first player to reach 17 frames will progress to the final. Barry Hawkins has been one of the most consistent performers at the Crucible in recent years, reaching the final in 2013 and the semi-finals on three other occasions, although The Hawk lost at this stage in 2017 to four-time champion John Higgins.
- 10.00 Film:** Kajaki. (2014) A group of paratroopers are pushed to their limits while trying to find a safe route out of a minefield in Afghanistan. Fact-based thriller, starring David Elliot.
- 11.40 Michael Palin: A Life on Screen.** The actor and writer looks back on his career. Featuring classic clips from the archives and contributions from collaborators John Cleese, David Jason and Armando Iannucci. (R)
- 12.40 Film:** Easy Money II. (2012) **2.15 This Is BBC Two.**

ITV

- 6.00 CITV: Sooty.** **6.10 Grizzly Tales for Gruenesse Kids.** (R) **6.20 Grizzly Tales for Gruenesse Kids.** (R) **6.35 Dino Dan: Treks Adventures.** (R) **6.45 Super 4.** (R) **6.55 Signed Stories: Share a Story.** (R) **7.00 Super Warr: Freemaker Adventures.** (R) **7.25 The Tom and Jerry Show.** (R) **7.30 Teen Titans Go! (R) 7.45 Adventure Time.** (R) **8.00 Thunderbirds Are Go.**
- 8.25 ITV News.** **8.30 Zoo Ball.** (R) **9.25 James Martin's Saturday Morning.** **11.20 Invitation to a Royal Wedding.** (R) **12.20 ITV News; Weather.**
- 12.30 This Time Next Year.** (R) **1.30 ITV Racing: Live from Newmarket.** Including the 3.35 Qipco 2,000 Guineas Stakes.
- 4.00 Tipping Point.** (R) **5.00 The Chase.** (R)
- 6.00 ITV News; Weather.**
- 6.15 Regional Programme;** Weather.
- 6.30 Ninja Warrior UK.** Gethin Jones, Jenni Falconer and Josh Cuthbert test their strength, speed and courage in this obstacle-course challenge, hosted by Ben Shephard, Rochelle Humes and Chris Kamara.
- 7.30 Harry Hill's Alien Fun Capsule.** Jordan Stephens, Janet Street-Porter, Alex Brooker and Una Stubbs are tasked with saving planet Earth from any potential alien invasion in the comedy panel show.
- 8.00 Britain's Got Talent.** Ant and Dec host the fourth audition round of the nationwide talent search, which sees a wide variety of acts, from comedians to contortionists, singers to spoon players, compete to impress judges Simon Cowell, Alesha Dixon, Amanda Holden and David Williams. Whichever the quartet choose to send through to the live stages will then be in with a chance of winning a huge cash prize and a coveted slot at the Royal Variety Performance later this year, following in the footsteps of 2017 winner Tokio Myers.
- 9.15 Who Wants To Be A Millionaire?** New series, Jeremy Clarkson hosts the first in a special week-long revival of the quiz celebrating its 20th anniversary, with contestants answering questions to win up to £1 million.
- 10.20 ITV News; Weather.**
- 10.35 Film:** Sex and the City 2. (2010) Comedy sequel, with Sarah Jessica Parker and Kristin Davis.
- 1.15 Jackpot 2147.** **3.00 Babushka.** (R) **3.50 ITV Nightscreen.**

CHANNEL 4

- 6.15 Motor Sport: British GT.** **7.10 The King of Queens.** (R) **7.35 The King of Queens.** (R) **8.00 Everybody Loves Raymond.** (R) **9.00 Frasier.** (R) **9.30 Fraiser.** (R) **10.00 The Big Bang Theory.** (R) **11.00 The Big Bang Theory.** (R) **11.50 The Simpsons.** (R) **12.25 The Simpsons.** (R) **1.25 Come Dine with Me.** (R) **2.25 A Place in the Sun: Winter Sun.** (R) **3.25 A Place in the Sun: Winter Sun.** (R) **4.30 Collection Hunters.** **5.35 The Secret Life of the Zoo.** (R)
- 6.30 Channel 4 News.**
- 7.00 The Restoration Man: Best Builds.** George Clarke looks back at four of the most dramatic tower conversions from the show. A pair of railway enthusiasts took on a derelict water tower on the Settle to Carlisle line, while a couple battled illness to turn a Georgian windmill into a family home. There's also another chance to see how a 17th-century fortified structure in Scotland and a Grade II-listed water tower near Congleton in Cheshire were transformed. (R)
- 8.00 Britain's Most Historic Towns.** Alice Roberts tells the story of the Regency period by studying the history of Cheltenham, Britain's most Regency town. The Timmins family live, are among the poorest 10 percent in the country, and benefit from a tenth of the weekly budget the Withings have. (R)
- 7.20 Can't Pay? We'll Take It Away!** In east London, High Court Enforcement Agents Paul and Phil are involved in a brothel eviction, while in south Wales, Stewart and Elmore chase a debt owed by a working mum. (R)
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- 9.15 Secrets of Tutankhamun's Treasures.** The origins of the Egyptian pharaoh's iconic death mask, examining theories that many of the items he was buried with were hurriedly assembled after his unexpected death.
- 10.10 The Great Ramesses: New Evidence Revealed.** New series exploring famous people and places of ancient Egypt, beginning with Ramesses II, who led his people to victory against the Hittites and was declared a living god.
- 11.10 Football on 5: Last Day of the Season.** Colin Murray introduces highlights.
- 12.10 SuperCasino.** **4.00 Billionaire Babies.** **24 Carat Kids.** (R)

SATURDAY'S TV MAY 5**CHANNEL 5**

- 6.00 Milkshake!** **10.05 Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles.** (R) **10.40 The Gadget Show.** (R) **11.30 Police Interceptors.** (R) **12.25 Police Interceptors.** (R) **2.25 The Nightmare Neighbour Next Door.** (R) **3.20 The Nightmare Neighbour Next Door.** (R) **4.20 Nightmare Tenants, Slum Landlords.** (R) **5.20 Bad Tenants, Rogue Landlords.** (R)
- 6.15 5 News Weekend.**
- 6.20 Rich House, Poor House.** Colin and Lizzy Whiting, who find themselves in the wealthiest 10 percent of Britain, swap their five-bedroom house near Newquay to spend a week living in a two-bed property where the Timmins family live. The Timmins on the other hand, are among the poorest 10 percent in the country, and benefit from a tenth of the weekly budget the Withings have. (R)
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DIGITAL

- BBC Four**
- 7.00 Nature's Epic Journeys** **8.00 Wild Burma: Nature's Lost Kingdom** **9.00 Salamander: Blood Diamonds** **10.35 Land of the Lost Wolves** **11.35 Top of the Pops:** 1985 **12.05 An Evening with Glen Campbell** **12.35 Nature's Epic Journeys** **2.25 Wild Burma: Nature's Lost Kingdom** **3.25 Close**
- ITV2**
- 11.35 Britain's Got More Talent** **12.35 Ninja Warrior UK** **1.40 Film:** Babe (1995) **2.40 DIY Daily 2.45 Film:** Babe (1995) **3.30 Film:** Twister (1996) **4.30 FYI Daily 4.35 Film:** Twister (1996) **5.40 Film:** The Lord of the Rings: The Two Towers (2002) **6.40 FYI Daily 6.45 Film:** The Lord of the Rings: The Two Towers (2002) **9.15 Britain's Got More Talent** **10.15 Celebrity Juice** **11.05 Family Guy** **12.30 American Dad!** **1.30 Plebs** **1.55 CelebAbility** **2.40 Totally Bonkers** **Guinness World Records** **2.50 Teleshopping** **5.50 ITV2 Nightscreen**
- ITV3**
- 11.00 Agatha Christie's Marple** **1.00 Film:** Columbo: Make Me a Perfect Murder (1978) **3.00 Film:** Casablanca (1942) **5.00 Midsummers Murders** **11.05 Vera** **1.05 Stephen Fry's Key to the City** **2.00 ITV3 Nightscreen** **2.30 Teleshopping**
- ITV4**
- 11.20 Cycling** **11.55 Cycling: Tour de Yorkshire** **1.00 Cycling: Tour de Yorkshire** **Live.** Coverage of the third stage of the men's race from Richmond to Scarborough. **6.00 Pawn Stars** **7.00 The Motorbike Show** **8.00 Cycling: Tour de Yorkshire** **9.00 Film:** Heartbreak Ridge (1986) **10.00 FYI Daily 10.05 Film:** Heartbreak Ridge (1986) **11.45 Film:** The Fugitive (1993) **12.45 FYI Daily 12.50 Film:** The Fugitive (1993) **2.20 The Protectors** **2.45 ITV4 Nightscreen** **3.00 Teleshopping**
- E4**
- 12.00 The Goldbergs** **2.30 Brooklyn Nine-Nine** **3.00 Young Sheldon** **3.30 Film:** Percy Jackson: Sea of Monsters (2013) **5.30 The Big Bang Theory** **9.00 Film:** The Transporter (2002) **10.50 Googlebox** **11.55 The Inbetweeners** **1.00 Tattoo Fixers** **2.05 Rude Tube** **3.05 Googlebox** **4.00 How I Met Your Mother** **4.45 Rude(sh) Tube**
- Film4**
- 11.00 Magic in the Water** (1995) **1.00 Anastasia** (1997) **2.55 Arriety** (2010) **4.50 Home Alone** (1990) **6.55 Taxi** (2004) **9.00 Crimson Peak** (2015) **11.15 Goat** (2016) **1.20 Shutter Island** (2010) **4.00 Close**

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SUNDAY'S TV MAY 6

CHOICE



Liam Charles (right)

Bake Off: The Professionals (Channel 4, 8pm)

New series. Professional duos from across the UK go head to head, aiming to impress judges and celebrated pastry chefs Cherish Finden and Benoit Blin, and progress to the next round. In the first episode, the teams must finely craft two batches of uniform miniature classics - 24 conversations and 24 tarts aux fruits - in just three and a half hours. This is followed by the Showpiece, in which a reinvention of the Black Forest gateau is required in five hours. Presented by former Bake Off contestant Liam Charles and comedian Tom Allen.

BBC1

6.00 Breakfast. **7.35** Match of the Day. (R) **9.00** The Andrew Marr Show. **10.00** The Big Questions. **11.00** Regional Programme. **12.15** Bargain Hunt. (R) **1.00** BBC News: Weather. **1.15** Escape to the Country. (R) **2.15** Money for Nothing. (R) **2.45** Britain's Fat Fight with Hugh Fearnley-Whittingstall. (R) **3.45** Points of View. **4.00** Songs of Praise. **4.35** Britain's Best Home Cook. **5.35** BBC News. **5.50** Regional Programme.

6.00 The Big Painting Challenge.

Mariella Frostrup and Rev Richard Coles present the final from Chatham's historic dockyards, where the artists must paint a self-portrait for their final challenge. The finalists then receive individual masterclasses in the areas coaches Diana Ali and Pascal Anson feel they need help, which involves everything from painting with rollers to working blindfolded. In the final round, the contestants have a free hand to paint whatever they choose to impress judges Daphne Todd and Lachlan Goudie, before one of them is named this year's winner. Last in the series.

7.00 Countryfile. Anita Rani is put through her paces with a Mountain Rescue team in Rothbury, Northumberland, hearing how new technology is helping search-and-rescue operations in the local area.

8.00 Antiques Roadshow. Fiona Bruce presents the show from Helmingham Hall in Suffolk, where experts examine a medieval sword found in a pond, an Indian jewel and a collection of decorative boxes.

9.00 The Woman in White. Marian overhead Percival and Fosco conspiring to seize Laura's inheritance after her death.

10.00 BBC News.

10.20 Regional Programme. **10.30 Match of the Day 2.** Mark Chapman reviews the day's Premier League action, featuring highlights of Manchester City v Huddersfield Town, Arsenal v Burnley and Chelsea v Liverpool.

11.35 Reggie Yates: Life and Death in Chicago. The broadcaster travels to Chicago to investigate gun crime in President Obama's adopted hometown to find out why so many of the victims are young African-American men. (R) **12.35** Weather for the Week Ahead.

12.40 BBC News.

BBC2

6.05 Coast. (R) **6.35** Glorious Gardens from Above. (R) **7.20** Life in a Cottage Garden with Carol Klein. (R) **7.50** Countryfile. (R) **8.45** The Beechgrove Garden. **9.15** Saturday Kitchen Best Bites. **10.45** Spring Kitchen with Tom Kerridge. (R) **11.30** Lorraine Pascale: How to Be a Better Cook. (R) **12.00** MOTD2 Extra. **12.30** Badminton Horse Trials. Coverage of the fifth and final day of the event. **2.00** Live Snooker: The World Championships. The opening session of the final at the Crucible Theatre. **5.30** Badminton Horse Trials. Further coverage of the fifth and final day of the event.

6.00 Athletics: Diamond League Doha Highlights. Gabby Logan presents action from the opening Diamond League event of the season, held at the Hamad Bin Suhaim Stadium in Doha, Qatar. The women's 100m was scheduled to feature Olympic champion Elaine Thompson of Jamaica, along with Dutch 200m world champion Dafne Schippers.

7.00 Live Snooker: The World Championship. Hazel Irvine presents all the action from the second session of the final at Sheffield's Crucible Theatre, where a further nine frames are scheduled to take place. John Higgins looked set to open up an imposing lead over Mark Selby during the second session of last year's final, but the Jester from Leicester took the last three frames of the evening to trail 10-7 heading into the final day. The commentary team features five former world champions in Dennis Taylor, Steve Davis, John Parrott, Ken Doherty and Stephen Hendry, along with Alan McManus and John Virgo. Subsequent programmes subject to change.

11.00 Famalam. Comedy sketch show.

11.20 Live at the Apollo. Henning Wehn hosts tonight's show, which features performances from Lucy Porter and Guz Khan. (R)

12.05 Film: Easy Money III: Life Deluxe. (2013) A criminal searches for his missing sister, while another prepares for the biggest heist of his career. Crime thriller sequel, starring Joen Kinnaman and Matias Varela. **2.05** Sign Zone: Question Time. Topical debate from St Albans, Hertfordshire, chaired by David Dimbleby. (R) **3.05** Holby City. Fletch clashes with Abigail. (R) **4.05** This Is BBC Two.

ITV

6.00 CITV: Sooty. **6.10** Grizzly Tales for Gruesome Kids. (R) **6.20** Grizzly Tales for Gruesome Kids. (R) **6.35** Dino Dan: Treks Adventures. (R) **6.45** Super 4. (R) **6.55** Signed Stories: Share a Story. (R) **7.00** Thunderbirds Are Go. (R) **7.25** The Tom and Jerry Show. (R) **7.30** Teen Titans Go! (R) **7.45** Adventure Time. (R) **8.00** The Haunted Hathaways. (R) **8.25** ITV News. **8.30** Zon Ball on Sunday. **9.25** Love Your Garden. (R) **10.00** Peston on Sunday. **11.00** Britain's Got Talent. (R) **12.15** Britain's Got More Talent. (R) **1.15** ITV News: Weather. **1.30** ITV Racing:包括 the 3.35 Qipco 1000 Guineas. **4.00** Tipping Point. (R) **5.00** The Chase Celebrity Special. (R)

6.00 Harry Hill's Alien Fun Capsule.

Jordan Stephens, Jane Street-Porter, Alex Brooker and Una Stubbs are tasked with saving planet Earth from any potential alien invasion in the comedy panel show. (R)

6.30 ITV News: Weather.

6.45 Regional Programme: Weather.

7.00 Little Big Shots. Dawn French hosts a variety show featuring a street dance crew, a nine-year-old boy who knows everything there is to know about Eurovision, and a world champion hen racer.

8.00 The Durrells. The family meets a travelling circus. Larry falls in love with a contortionist, while Margo takes to the ring in person to perform a very dangerous act. Last in the series.

9.00 Who Wants to Be a Millionaire?

Jeremy Clarkson hosts the second edition in a special revival of the quiz to celebrate its 20th anniversary. Six more contestants compete in Fastest Finger First, to see who will sit in the hot seat and have the chance to take home the £1 million jackpot. As always, the players have three lifelines – Ask the Audience, Phone a Friend and 50-50 – at their disposal.

10.05 ITV News: Weather.

10.20 Political magazine.

11.20 The Royal Wives of Windsor. Part one of two. Documentary exploring how the women who have married into the house of Windsor over the last century have transformed one of the most famous dynasties in the world. (R)

12.15 The Royal Wives of Windsor. (R) **1.05** Jackpot247. **3.00** Motorsport UK. (R)

CHANNEL 4

6.10 Mobil 1: The Grid. **6.40** MSA British Rally Championship. **7.05** Everybody Loves Raymond. (R) **7.30** Everybody Loves Raymond. (R) **7.55** Everybody Loves Raymond. (R) **8.25** Eat the Week. (R) **9.30** Sunday Brunch. **12.30** Jamie and Jimmy's Friday Night Feast. (R) **1.30** The Simpsons. (R) **2.00** Toyland Detective. (R) **8.45** Fliegals. (R) **9.55** Ben and Holly's Little Kingdom. (R) **9.05** Shimmer and Shine. (R) **9.25** Disney Dragon. (R) **9.40** Peppa Pig. (R) **9.50** Peppa Pig. **10.00** Great Birmingham 10k Run. **12.00** Dogs Make You Laugh Out Loud 2. (R) **12.30** Film: Ace Ventura: Pet Detective. (1994)

Comedy, starring Jim Carrey. **1.05** Pets Make You Laugh Out Loud. **3.05** Cats Make You Laugh Out Loud 2. (R) **4.05** Greatest Ever Celebrity Wind-Ups. (R) **5.05** News. **5.10** The Adele Story. (R)

6.30 Britain's Favourite Abba Songs. A

countdown of the Swedish pop group's 20 most popular songs, as

voted for by their fans, with

celebrities including singers Jane McDonald, Claire Richards and Liz McClarnon and former Blue Peter

presenters Janet Ellis and Peter Duncan introducing their favourite clips.

Featuring rare footage of the band, fascinating facts, and the stories of people who have turned

their homes into shrines to the four-piece, a woman who named her daughter Abba, and a lady who learned Swedish just to get closer to her heroes. (R)

8.00 Eurovision Greatest Hits.

9.00 When Eurovision Goes Horribly Wrong. Angela Rippon presents a

guide to the song contest's most

disastrous moments. Featuring

contributions from past acts

including Dana, Sonia, Cheryl

Baker and Jay Aston of Bucks Fizz,

Lindsay Dracass, Belle & the

Devotions, The Brotherhood of

Man, Scoop, Nicki French, Andy

Abraham, Kate Robbins and

Danish singer Birthe Wilke, who

recalls the kiss that ruined her

chances in 1957.

11.15 Walter Presents: Tabula Rasa.

Belgian crime drama about a

woman with amnesia who

becomes a key figure in a missing

persons case and must recover

her memories to prove her

innocence. Starring Veerle

Baetens.

11.15 Film: Transporter 3. (2008)

Underworld courier Frank Martin transports the kidnapped daughter

of a crooked government minister

across Europe. Action thriller

sequel, with Jason Statham and

Natalya Rudakova.

1.10 Film: Ruston. (2016) **3.40** Mobil 1: The Grid. (R) **4.05** Gillette World Sport.

4.35 Kirstie's Vintage Gems. (R) **4.50** Gok's Fill Your House for Free. (R)

12.50 Criminals: Caught on Camera. (R)

1.15 SuperCasino. **3.10** The Yorkshire Vet. (R) **4.00** Tribal Teens. (R)

CHANNEL 5

6.00 Milkshake! Little Princess. **6.10** Whisper. (R) **6.20** Poppy Cat. (R) **6.30** Milkshake! Monkey. (R) **6.35** The Secret Life of Puppies. (R) **6.40** Moty. (R) **6.45** Peppa Pig. (R) **6.55** Paw Patrol. (R) **7.05** Thomas & Friends. (R) **7.15** Fireman Sam. (R) **7.30** Only the Little White Van. (R) **7.35** Rusty Rivets. **7.55** Paw Patrol. (R) **8.10** Nella the Princess Knight. (R) **8.25** Noddy: Toyland Detective. (R) **8.45** Floogals. (R) **9.55** Ben and Holly's Little Kingdom. (R) **9.05** Shimmer and Shine. (R) **9.25** Disney Dragon. (R) **9.40** Peppa Pig. (R) **9.50** Peppa Pig. **10.00** Great Birmingham 10k Run. **12.00** Dogs Make You Laugh Out Loud 2. (R) **12.30** Film: Spy Kids (2001). **3.05** FYI Daily 3.10 Film: Spy Kids (2003). **3.15** Britain's Got Talent. **5.10** Britain's Got More Talent. **6.10** Film: The Lord of the Rings: The Return of the King (2003). **7.10** FYI Daily 7.15 Film: The Lord of the Rings: The Return of the King (2003). **10.00** Family Guy. **11.30** American Dad! **12.25** Film: Saw (2004). **1.25** FYI Daily 1.30 Film: Saw (2004). **2.30** Teleshopping.

E4

12.00 Cycling: Tour de Yorkshire Live. **5.30** Stars of the Year. **6.55** Mr Bean. **8.00** Cycling: Tour de Yorkshire. **9.00** Film: Jaws 3 (1983). **10.00** FYI Daily 10.05 Film: Jaws 3 (1983). **11.05** Film: The Bank Job (2008) **12.05** FYI Daily 12.10 Film: The Bank Job (2008). **1.00** BRDC Formula 3 Highlights 2.15 Tommy Cooper 2.45 ITV4 Nightscreen 3.00 Teleshopping.

ITV2

12.00 You've Been Framed! Gold 1.00 Celebrity Catchphrase 2.05 Film: Spy Kids (2001). **3.05** FYI Daily 3.10 Film: Spy Kids (2003). **3.15** Britain's Got Talent. **5.10** Britain's Got More Talent. **6.10** Film: The Crystal Maze. Richard Ayoade guides an AC/DC tribute band from Newcastle through the Aztec, Medieval, Industrial and Future zones, tackling a range of skill, mystery, physical and mental challenges. Last in the series.

8.00 Bake Off: The Professionals. New

series. Professional duos from

across the UK go head to head,

aiming to impress celebrated

pastry chefs Cherish Finden and

Benoit Blin, and progress to the

next round.

9.00 Homeland. Carrie and Saul's

mission does not go as planned.

Elizabeth Keane fights for her

presidency. Espionage drama,

starring Claire Danes, Mandy

Patinkin and Elizabeth Marvel. Last

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Baetens.

11.15 Football on 5: Last Day of the

Season. Colm Murray introduces

highlights of the final round of

regular-season Championship

fixtures, including Sunderland v

Wolverhampton Wanderers and

Millwall v Aston Villa.

12.50 Criminals: Caught on Camera. (R)

1.15 SuperCasino. **3.10** The Yorkshire

Vet. (R) **4.00** Tribal Teens. (R)

DIGITAL

BBC Four

7.00 Only Connect 7.30 Civilisations Stories: Treasures of the Bronze Age 8.00 Dancing in the Blitz: How World War Two Made British Ballet 9.00 Ballet's Dark Knight - Sir Kenneth MacMillan 10.00 Michael Clark's To a Simple 10.20 Film: Song 10.55 Duet 11.00 Rich Hall's California Stars 12.30 Science and Islam 1.30 Dancing in the Blitz: How World War Two Made British Ballet 2.30 Ballet's Dark Knight - Sir Kenneth MacMillan 3.30 Close

ITV2

12.00 You've Been Framed! Gold 1.00

Celebrity Catchphrase 2.05 Film: Spy Kids (2001). **3.05** FYI Daily 3.10 Film: Spy Kids (2003). **3.15** Britain's Got Talent. **5.10** Britain's Got More Talent. **6.10** Film: The Crystal Maze. Richard Ayoade guides an AC/DC tribute band from Newcastle through the Aztec, Medieval, Industrial and Future zones, tackling a range of skill, mystery, physical and mental challenges. Last in the series.

8.00 Bake Off: The Professionals. New

series. Professional duos from

across the UK go head to head,

aiming to impress celebrated

pastry chefs Cherish Finden and

Benoit Blin, and progress to the

next round.

9.00 Homeland. Carrie and Saul's

mission does not go as planned.

Elizabeth Keane fights for her

presidency. Espionage drama,

starring Claire Danes, Mandy

Patinkin and Elizabeth Marvel. Last

in the series.

10.15 Walter Presents: Tabula Rasa.

Belgian crime drama about a

woman with amnesia who

becomes a key figure in a missing

persons case and must recover

her memories to prove her

innocence. Starring Veerle

Baetens.

11.15 The Goldbergs 1.00 Brooklyn Nine-Nine 1.30 The Big Bang Theory 4.30 Film: Evolution (2001) 6.30 The Big Bang Theory 8.00 Young Sheldon 8.30 The Big Bang Theory 9.00 Marvel's Agents of SHIELD 10.00 The Inbetweeners 11.10 Film: Magic Mike (2012) 1.25 The Big Bang Theory 2.25 Marvel's Agents of SHIELD 3.10 Rule Tube 3.40 Hollyoaks

Film4

1.00 Capture the Flag (2015) 2.50 The Boxtrolls (2014) 4.40 Young Sherlock Holmes (1985) 6.50 The Devil Wears Prada (2006) 9.00 Pitch Perfect (2012) 11.15 Bram Stoker's Dracula (1992) 1.45 Fright Night (1985) 4.00 Close

The Chronicle

Thursdays, May 3, 2018

FILM CHOICES**MONDAY****Notting Hill, ITV, 10.20pm**

A recently divorced bookshop owner finds love with a glamorous Hollywood film star, but ends up the focus of unwanted media interest - which makes maintaining a relationship a tricky proposition. Romantic comedy written by Richard Curtis, starring Hugh Grant, Julia Roberts, Rhys Ifans, Emma Chambers, James Dreyfus and Gina McKee. (1999)

TUESDAY**Snatched At Birth, Channel 5, 3.15pm**

A grieving woman develops an unhealthy obsession with having a child. When her best friend gives birth, and then dies in a car accident, the newborn goes missing. Thriller, starring Kaitlyn Black, David Gallagher and Alexandra Paul. (2017)

WEDNESDAY**Driven Off The Rails, Channel 5, 3.15pm**

Premiere. A married woman loses her memory after an accident, but when her memory returns, she believes she has had an affair with a missing man. Drama, starring Hannah Barefoot. (2017)



Buried, Friday, BBC1, 11.55pm

The Quiet Ones, Channel 4, 2am

An academic scientist recruits a group of Oxford students for a strange experiment, performing a series of tests on a woman in the hope of tapping into her apparent psychic abilities and deliberately manifesting a poltergeist. However, they soon find they are unable to control the dark forces they unleash. Horror, starring Jared Harris and Sam Claflin. (2014)

THURSDAY**Sinister Stepmother, Channel 5, 3.15pm**

Premiere. A divorcee is surprised to learn her ex-husband has married a younger woman - and even more surprised to discover her dark past. Thriller, with Annie Wersching. (2017)

FRIDAY**Buried, BBC1, 11.55pm**

A man buried alive in the Iraqi desert tries to organise a rescue before he runs out of air - but even he does not know where he is. Thriller, starring Ryan Reynolds. (2010)

Peter and Sian are back in the driving seat once again

Sometimes, the best ideas tend to be the most simple.

Take Peter Kay's Car Share, for example. It was inspired by the Alfred Molina and Dawn French sitcom Roger & Val Have Just Got In, which focused on a couple spending time chatting about their day having returned home from work.

Co-creator Paul Coleman had previously worked with Kay on Max and Paddy's Road to Nowhere, so he approached him with the idea of two people travelling to and from their workplace by car.

Kay brought in his old friend Sian Gibson (they had met as students at Salford University), and the rest is history.

Kay plays supermarket assistant manager John, who picks up colleague Kayleigh every day, initially as part of a new work scheme. At the start, they barely know each other, but as the weeks go by and they chat while travelling or stuck in traffic, they gradually become close friends.

MONDAY
Genderquake
Channel 4, 9pm

Eleven strangers with different gender identities and sexualities spend a week together under one roof in the hope that they will discover what divides them and what unites them. In the first of two editions, introductions quickly lead to arguments on the opening night and over the following days, as the housemates begin to make new alliances over visits to a country pub and nearby Brighton beach. Non-binary Saffron confesses her deepest anxieties to straight guy Tom, while transgender woman Brooke finds the confidence to brave the hot tub.

TUESDAY
Back to the Land with Kate Humble
BBC2, 7pm

New series. Return of the show in which the presenter champions the UK's most inspirational rural entrepreneurs. The first edition comes from Cornwall and features Tim and Caro, who free dive to pick seaweed. After a tough first few years living in caravans, Kate meets them at their most crucial point of expansion - they are about to move to a new premises, are embarking on cultivating their own seaweed for the first time, and Caro is pregnant with her second child. Plus, a visit to a

"The idea of two people car-sharing to work each day really appealed to me, as it highlights the comedy in the minutiae of the daily trek and allows the spiralling conversations of life to unwind in all of their glory," said Kay ahead of the first series.

Clearly the great British public agreed, because the sitcom was an instant success when the first series was originally made available via the BBC iPlayer in 2015; it went on to become the platform's most-watched series to be released as a box set.

A second run aired last year, with John and Kayleigh growing ever closer. The run ended as she declared her love for him before storming out of the car when he failed to reciprocate.

Kay claimed that was the end of the entire project - but fans were up in arms. How could two such popular characters be left dangling in mid-air? Some folk even began a petition in the hope of persuading him to change his mind, collecting

around 100,000 signatures in the process. Thankfully Kay announced he had relented during an appearance with Gibson on Children in Need last November.

"We were completely overwhelmed by the response and even though we've no plans to write a third series we knew we couldn't end the story there," claims Kay.

Shane Allen, the BBC's controller of comedy commissioning, adds: "This new finale is going to be the TV comedy equivalent of The Space Landing, Who Shot JR? or The Olympics Opening Ceremony depending on how old you are."

The final episode, written by Coleman, Gibson and Kay, is yet to come, but preceding it is this completely unscripted tale.

"We were always very fond of ad libbing around the script when we were filming the series," reveals Kay. "So we decided to see what would happen if we took the script away and just relied on just our chemistry alone, reading to whatever came on the radio."



Peter Kay's Car Share Unscripted, Monday, BBC1, 10pm

BEST OF THE REST

who will make it through the elimination round and who will be hanging up their apron?

FRIDAY**The One Show: NHS Patients Awards Special**
BBC1, 7pm

As the NHS marks its 70th anniversary, The One Show, together with the Patients Association, pays its respects to the extraordinary people who keep it going day after day. Matt Baker and Alex Jones present a special edition honouring and celebrating the inspirational work of those staff who continually deliver outstanding care to patients and their families, as nominated by viewers. Categories include the Children's and Young People's Care Award, the Healthcare Award, the Nursing and Midwifery Award, the Unsung Hero Award and the Lifetime Achievement Award.

The Bridge
BBC2, 9pm

New series. The body of a woman is retrieved close to the bridge between Denmark and Sweden. It is found to be that of the Head of the Danish Immigration Board, whose staff had recently been filmed celebrating the success of a case deporting an Iranian homosexual who could face execution on his return.

duck farm run by a couple who used to work in the haulage business.

WEDNESDAY
The Secret Life of the Zoo
Channel 4, 8pm

Chester Zoo's penguins move into a temporary home while a new luxury home is built for them, but the move becomes upsetting when malaria sweeps the colony, with elder Rudd battling to survive against the odds. Meanwhile, the African painted dog pups venture out of their den for the first time, but the runt of the litter Mosi refuses to go out into the cold, and keepers worry she may have issues with her eyesight. Elsewhere, Sumatran orangutan Emma gives birth, and a beetle with a wonky horn has to fight other bachelors in the group to win the attention of a female.

Britain's Fat Fight with Hugh Fearnley-Whittingstall
BBC1, 9pm

In the final episode of the series, Hugh turns his attention to junk food marketing techniques, and compares them to the amount that is spent on marketing for

vegetables and healthy eating alternatives. Hugh also heads to a Conservative Party Conference, where he has been invited to speak about obesity, but is frustrated in his attempts to get an audience with Jeremy Hunt. Elsewhere, with the help of Jamie Oliver, he comes up with a bold plan to try and improve the health of the nation.



Britain's Fat Fight with Hugh Fearnley-Whittingstall, Wednesday, BBC1, 9pm

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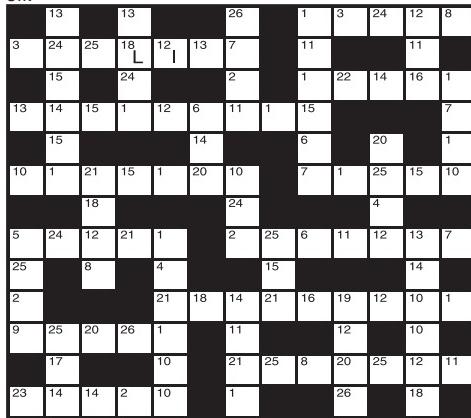


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Codeword

Each number in the grid represents a different letter of the alphabet and every letter of the alphabet is used. Use the given letter(s) to the right of the main grid to start you off.



LAST WEEK'S SOLUTION:

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Quiz

- What is the Roman name for Odysseus?
- Of which mountain range is Mount McKinley the highest?
- Which John Travolta film won the Palme d'Or at Cannes in 1994?
- What is the smallest US state?
- Of which religion is a Parsee or Parsi a follower?
- Which Brighton-based boxer once earned

- £10m in an eight-fight package with Sky TV?
- Which race is the blue riband of the English horse-racing season?
- Which film company merged with MGM in the '80s?
- Which town in Greater Manchester includes Old Trafford cricket ground?
- Which Hollywood star's first name is Eldred?

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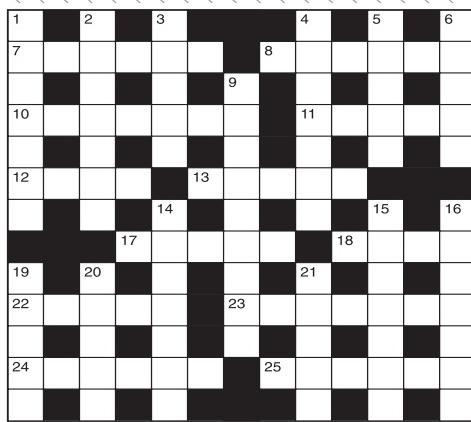
Across

- Areas for a walk on board (6)
- Foreign office (6)
- Under it changes are yet to be made (7)
- Come gradually to the point? (5)
- Cheese that's made the wrong way (4)
- Sober way to help (5)
- Their accounts cannot be relied upon (5)
- Leaders of newspapers (9)
- Broken knee produces a plaintive cry (4)
- I'm illuminated round the edge (5)
- Caviare might produce such greed (7)
- Empty one container into another (6)
- A small-holder in the fruit trade (6)

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Down

- Puts it on without being told? (7)
- Not wholly biased (7)
- Memorial of old priest outwardly Roman Catholic (5)
- Support us in shame (7)
- Hurry up, they're hard to fathom (5)
- Extravagant when out and about (5)
- Leaders of newspapers (9)
- Nowhere near cool enough (7)
- Draughtsman's intentions? (7)
- Discover something new in airways? (7)
- Being made to work (5)
- A spanking vessel? (5)
- Number get a fever that's ill-defined (5)



Quick Clues:

Across

- Accomplish (7)
- Bower (6)
- Contain (7)
- Boast (5)
- Huge (4)
- Scratch (5)
- Hasten (5)
- Solitary (4)
- Slack (5)
- Shorten (7)
- Fix (6)
- View (6)

Down

- Terse (7)
- Outcome (5)
- Courage (7)
- Knave (5)
- Banal (5)
- Fickle (9)
- Pacify (7)
- Warrior (7)
- Under (7)
- Fissure (5)
- Awaken (5)
- Rely on (5)

Sudoku

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LAST WEEK'S SOLUTIONS >

LAST WEEK'S CROSSWORD SOLUTIONS:
CRYPTIC - Across: 1 Light; 4 Funeral; 8 Oration;
9 Monet; 10 Bede; 11 Clangour; 13 Mobs; 14 Stun;
16 Runner-up; 17 Draw; 20 Yacht; 21 Sleeper;
22 Useless; 23 Poles; Down: 1 Look before you;
2 Grand; 3 Trim; 4 Finale; 5 Nominate; 6 Rangoon;
7 Literary works; 12 Absentee; 13 Manacle;
15 Nurses; 18 Repet; 19 Leap;
QUICK - Across: 1 Greed; 4 Chamfer; 8 Ascribe;
9 Fling; 10 Dull; 11 Acquaint; 13 Mean; 14 Snag;
16 Quagmire; 20 Elude; 21 Survive;
22 Treason; 23 Press; Down: 1 Grandiloquent;
2 Excel; 3 Dais; 4 Clench; 5 Affluent; 6 Failing;
7 Righteousness; 12 Harmless; 13 Measure;
15 Prison; 18 Agile; 19 Grip.

Niner

Each number from 1 to 9 represents a different letter. Solve the clues and insert the letters in the appropriate squares to discover a word which uses all nine letters.

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gives a scientific instrument.

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Tuck into feast from the Middle East

If you were to rank world cuisines on suitability for a first date then Lebanese would rank pretty low.

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Eat a tabbouleh salad and smile afterwards at your peril; the likelihood of a second date will flash before your eyes. This salad isn't just heavy on parsley, it uses the grassy herb in Pavarotti-size proportions, only making way for a sprinkling of bulghur wheat, chopped tomatoes and spring onion.

Fattoush salads are pimped up with a garden's worth of parsley and mint, and let's not mention the cuisine's use of seeds. Jet black nigella seeds poke fun at diners with receding gums as they are liberally sprinkled on top of natural labné (strained yoghurt) while the ruby jewels of pomegranates are strewn on salads, stews and sauces.

FORTUNATE

And so it was rather fortunate that when I visited the new Birmingham branch of Comptoir Libanais I was not on a first date. Or a second or third date. It's safe to say that after more than 16 years together, me and the other half are well into harmonious, herb-munching, mouthless care less about the consequences territory. We eat garlic with gusto, curries without caution and carry breath mints rarely. It's a happy time.

Happier even since Comptoir Libanais opened in Grand Central.

Interiors are a riot of colour and eccentricity. Walls, decorated in bright Moorish tiles, are adorned with quirky artworks and gold etched plates. Baklava is piled high in the entrance and there are staff lingering

The food of a nation – Lebanese mezze plates



Comptoir Libanais has opened in Grand Central



outside, trying to entice customers into their cavernous lair.

Styled on a Beirut canteen, there's an open kitchen and the informal restaurant buzzes with noise, chatter and clatter of crockery.

The menu features hot and cold mezze plus wraps, salads and tagines as well as other Lebanese dishes such as roasted sea bass topped with spiced coriander, tomato and tahina sauce. The exotic ingredients – sumac, Damascus olives, tahini, labné, rose syrup, all made me wistful for far off lands. Let's run off to

Lebanon, I thought. Who says Lebanese food isn't romantic. As long as you don't mind herbs in your teeth, that is.

We chose the mezze platter for two featuring piles of falafels, grilled halloumi, tabbouleh and freekah salads, pitta breads alongside pools of baba ghanuj and hummus. And a shed load of herbs.

We also ordered some lamb kibbeh, tasty lemon-shaped parcels of minced meat, cracked wheat, pine nuts and spices, and a piquant fattoush salad. It all looked as good as it tasted

With 20 minutes to spare before we needed to dash off to the cinema we decided to risk ordering dessert, struggling to choose between the plate of baklava, the date-syrup topped frozen yoghurt and the chocolate, orange and cardamom tart. So we ordered all three but were left a bit disappointed.

Although we were allocated a waitress, service was chaotic. The bill came to just over £43 which included four Diet Cokes and service charge – all reasonably good value.

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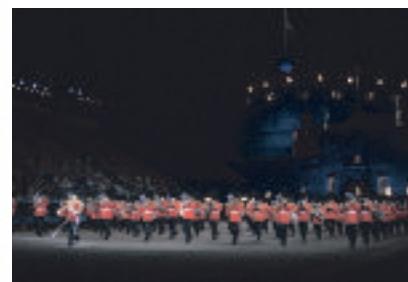
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It has a kitchen, lounge, conservatory, a guest WC, a family bathroom, three bedrooms and double glazing.

In more detail the entrance hallway has stairs to the first floor. The lounge is carpeted and has French doors opening to the conservatory.

Coming with a built-in electric oven with a gas hob and overhead extractor hood, the kitchen is fitted with a range of base and wall units, a stainless steel sink, tiled splash backs and plumbing for a washing machine.

The conservatory is spacious and the guest WC is positioned to the front of the property, completing the ground floor accommodation.

Upstairs the master bedroom overlooks the frontage of the home and has a storage cupboard. Both bedrooms two and three overlook the rear, with bedroom three having a fitted wardrobe and a desk.

The bathroom is partly tiled. It is fitted with a suite that comprises of a panelled bath, an overhead mains shower, a vanity unit wash basin, a low level W.C, an extractor fan and it has an obscure double glazed window to the side elevation.

Outside, the rear garden has gravel borders and a paved patio area, with the remainder laid to lawn. To the front of this home are two parking spaces, a gravelled area and a gated side access to the rear.

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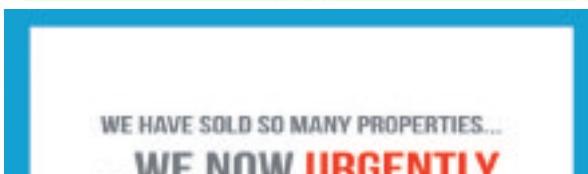
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Bedford Way RUGELEY	Heath Gap Road CANNOCK	The Brambles NORTON CANES	Littleworth Road HEDNESFORD	Heath Way HEATH HAYES	Betts Lane NORTON CANES
Three bedroom end terraced house / Idyllic semi rural location on the fringe of Cannock Chase / Stunning views of the countryside / Spacious extended lounge & front sitting room / Driveway with £150,000	Traditional victorian three bedroom semi detached house / Modern fitted kitchen & ground floor bathroom / Spacious living accommodation / Large private rear garden £133,000	Two bedroom mid terraced house / Set back from the main road in a quiet residential area / Two allocated parking spaces / Lounge-diner / Modern finish / 2 Parking spaces Offers in Excess of £130,000	Three bedroom character property / Situated in semi rural location / NO ONWARD CHAIN & VACANT POSSESSION / Two spacious reception rooms / Private rear garden & off road parking £120,000	Two bedroom first floor apartment / NO ONWARD CHAIN / New carpet and freshly decorated throughout / Allocated & visitor parking / New bathroom £110,000	Well presented one bedroom first floor self contained maisonette / Ideal for first time buyers & investors / Superb open plan living area / Modern fitted kitchen, newly fitted bathroom / Double bedroom Offers in Excess of £80,000

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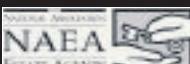
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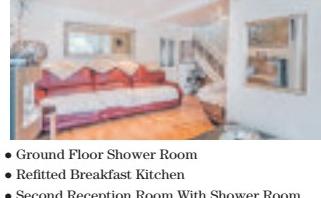
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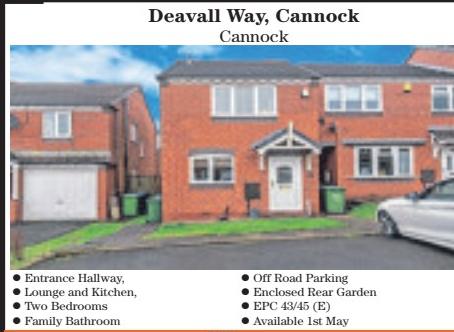
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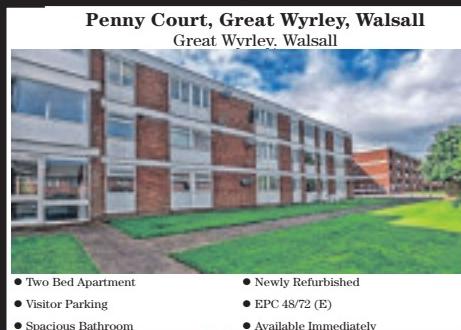
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- Master bedroom with ensuite
- Two further bedrooms
- Family bathroom
- Garden front and rear
- Driveway
- EPC rating C

£164,950

HEDNESFORD GREENHEATH ROAD

NEW

- Fully renovated three bed
- Two reception rooms
- Breakfast kitchen with dining
- Utility/Guest WC
- Family bathroom
- En-suite Shower room
- Driveway, garage
- Awaiting EPC rating

£224,500

HEDNESFORD STAFFORD LANE

NEW

- A spacious two bedroom semi detached
- Gas central heating and double glazing
- Lounge, dining area
- Kitchen, two bedrooms
- Refitted bathroom
- Gardens front and rear
- Garage
- Driveway
- Awaiting EPC rating

£154,950

HEATH HAYES WOODFORD WAY

NEW

SOLD Similar required

- NO CHAIN
- Two Bedrooms
- Modern fitted kitchen
- Modern fitted bathroom
- Lounge/conservatory
- Driveway
- Viewing Essential
- EPC rating C

£142,000

HEATH HAYES DENBURY CLOSE

NEW

- A three bedroom property
- Gas central heating and double glazing
- Lounge, refitted kitchen/diner
- Three bedrooms
- Family bathroom
- Enclosed rear garden
- Tandem garage
- Driveway
- EPC rating D

£209,950

HEDNESFORD STEPHENSON WAY

- A modern two bedroom apartment
- Gas central heating and double glazing
- Lounge, Kitchen
- Two good sized bedrooms
- Bathrooms
- Allocated parking
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- Ideal investment
- Awaiting EPC rating

£83,000 offers in excess of

HEDNESFORD CHAFFINCH CLOSE

- A two bedroom semi detached bungalow
- Gas central heating and double glazing
- Lounge/diner
- Refitted kitchen
- Refitted shower room
- Conservatory, carport
- Garden to rear and side
- Driveway
- Awaiting EPC rating

£169,950

CHESLYN HAY STATION STREET

- A traditional two bedroom property
- Lounge, dining room
- Refitted kitchen
- Refitted first floor bathroom
- Two good sized bedrooms
- Garden to rear
- Viewing recommended
- Ideal first time buy
- EPC rating G

£129,950

CANNOCK REDHILL ROAD

- One Bedroom
- Central heating
- Driveway, gated access
- Modern fitted kitchen
- Modern bathroom
- Awaiting EPC rating
- NO CHAIN

£124,995

CANNOCK ST AIDANS ROAD

- A two bedroom semi detached house
- Gas central heating and double glazing
- Lounge, refitted kitchen/diner
- Two good sized bedrooms
- Family bathroom
- Garden to front
- Corner plot
- Enclosed rear garden
- Awaiting EPC rating

£124,950

HEATH HAYES CANNOCK ROAD

- A traditional detached property
- Entrance hallway/study area
- Lounge, dining
- Refitted kitchen/diner
- Utility, Guest cloakroom
- Master bedroom with en suite
- Refitted family bathroom
- Garden to rear off road parking
- EPC rating E

£260,000

HEATH HAYES STRAUSS DRIVE

- A spacious four bedroom
- Gas central heating and double glazing
- Lounge, kitchen, dining room
- Utility, guest cloakroom
- Master bedroom with ensuite
- Refitted family bathroom
- Garden to rear, driveway
- EPC rating C

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A Three/Four Bedroom Detached Dormer Bungalow

- Occupying pprox. quarter of an acre plot
- Oil fuelled central heating
- Large Driveway
- Gardens with spectacular views
- NO CHAIN

£385,000

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A 3 Bedroom semi-detached House

- Double glazing
- Gas central heating
- 3 Bedrooms
- Kitchen, Bathroom
- Front and rear enclosed gardens

£132,500

Ti-Arwi, Keystone Lane, Rugeley
Traditional 3 Bedroom Semi-Detached House

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- Kitchen & Bathroom
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- Integrated Kitchen Appliances
- Conservatory
- Front and Rear Gardens
- Off Road Gated Parking

£650 PCM

APPLICATION RECEIVED

Fernwood Drive Rugeley
A Two Bedroom End Terrace House

- Gas Central Heating
- Double Glazing
- Ground Floor WC
- Allocated Car Parking Space
- Fully Enclosed Rear Garden

£525PCM

APPLICATION RECEIVED

Levett Grange, Rugeley
A Two Bedroom Mid-Terrace House

- Gas Central Heating & Double Glazing
- Kitchen with Integrated Appliances
- Downstairs WC
- Enclosed Rear Garden
- Parking Space

£600 PCM

TO LET

Joseph Dix Drive
A Three Bedroom Detached House

- Gas Central Heating & Double Glazing
- Lounge & Kitchen/Diner
- Bathroom
- 3 Bedrooms
- Enclosed Rear Garden

£650 PCM

TO LET

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- Lounge
- Kitchenette
- Bedroom with built in wardrobe
- Bathroom

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Rear Garden
Parking
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Town House
Lounge
Kitchen
3 Bedrooms
Bathroom
Guest WC

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WIMBLEBURY
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NO CHAIN
Semi Detached House
Bathroom
Conservatory
GCH & DG
Rear Garden
Parking
EPC Rating C

£140,000

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ALPHA WAY

NEW

Terrace House
Lounge
Dining Room
Kitchen
2 Bedrooms
Bathroom

£130,000

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NEW

Semi Detached Bungalow
Lounge
Kitchen
1 Bedroom
Bathroom

OFFERS OVER £110,000

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Lounge
Kitchen
1 Bedroom
Bathroom
Protected Access
Allocated Parking
Sold with Sitting Tenant
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INVESTMENT PURCHASE
Protected Access
Lounge
Kitchen
1 Bedroom

£71,995

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SOLD

Semi Detached House
Bathroom
Gas Central Heating
Double Glazing
Rear Garden
Parking
EPC Rating C

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CHESLYN HAY
STATION STREET

SOLD

Unfurnished Terrace House
Lounge
Dining Room
Extended Kitchen
3 Bedrooms

SSTC

HEATH HAYES
HELIGAN PLACE

SOLD

Terrace House
Lounge
Kitchen
2 Bedrooms
Bathroom
Gas Central Heating

SSTC

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Bathroom
Gas Central Heating

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Gas Central Heating Double Glazing Rear Garden Garage EPC Rating D

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- Energy Rating B
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- Kitchen, Four Bedrooms
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WALSALL ROAD, CHURCHBRIDGE



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- Modern Kitchen
- Three Bedrooms, Re-Fitted Bathroom
- Front and Delightful Rear Gardens
- Garage and Driveway

£210,000

CLARION WAY, CANNOCK



- Two double bedrooms
- Spacious lounge/diner
- Side entry
- Gas central heating
- Double glazing
- Parking
- Front and rear generous gardens

£120,000



NEW

- A Well Presented Semi Detached House
- Popular Residential Location Overlooking Nature Reserve
- Guest WC, Lounge, Dining Room
- Kitchen, Three Bedrooms
- En-Suite, Family Bathroom
- Two Parking Spaces
- Rear Garden

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- A Well Presented Two Bedroom Semi Detached House
- Entrance Hall, Modern Kitchen
- Spacious Lounge
- Two Double Bedrooms
- Modern Bathroom
- Two Parking Spaces, Delightful Rear Garden

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- Bathroom
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NEW

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- Two Bedrooms
- Bathroom
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- NO UPWARD CHAIN

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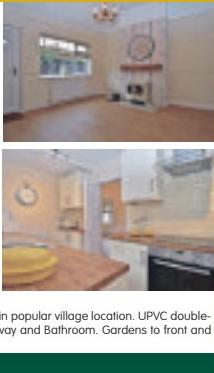
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Comfort is the new cool for Citroën's latest C4 Cactus



The film 'The Mug' showcases the busy morning routine of a father and his family

Citroën has revealed a new advertising campaign for the recently launched new C4 Cactus, the ultra-comfortable hatchback.

The campaign is inspired by people and their increasingly busy lives. The advert highlights all the benefits of Citroën's new suspension technology with Progressive Hydraulic Cushions™ (PHC™), which makes its European debut on the new C4 Cactus.

The film 'The Mug' showcases the busy morning routine of a father and his family. Eating breakfast, dropping the children off at school and going to

work. Caught up in the morning rush, the father forgets his coffee on the roof of the car. Due to the exceptional performance of Citroën's suspension with PHC™, the mug remains on the roof for his entire commute, which he then retrieves before rushing into the office. This campaign demonstrates the brand's 'Inspired By You' positioning, because 'Citroën knows that life is hectic enough'.

Benefiting from the Citroën Advanced Comfort® programme, the new C4 Cactus is the first car in the range with all of the Citroën

Advanced Comfort® features. The ultra-comfortable hatch is the first model in Europe to feature Citroën's suspension with Progressive Hydraulic Cushions™, which creates a 'flying carpet' effect. It is also the first model in the world to offer Advanced Comfort® seats featuring new high-density foam that improves seating comfort for both the driver and passengers. There are 12 driver assistance systems and three connectivity technologies available as well as a wide range of efficient engines.

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MOTORING

Order books now open for the new Ford Fiesta Active

By Sharon Walters

Order books are now open at Ford dealers across the country for its latest crossover – the Fiesta Active.

Starting at a price of £17,790, the jacked-up city car is available in three variants – Active 1, Active B&O Play and Active X – and will join the firm's range alongside the Ka+ Active in "offering buyers an exciting lifestyle crossover".

It retains the basic design of the latest version of the Fiesta, but all Active models will receive a rugged-looking body styling kit, an increased ride height, roof rails, front fog lights and 17-inch alloy wheels as standard.

There's also three selectable drive modes – Eco, Normal and Slippery – along with Hill Start Assist.

Other features included at no extra cost are lane-keep technology, automatic headlights, a heated windscreens and rear privacy glass.

Ford's SYNC 3 infotainment system with Bluetooth connectivity features too, which also supports Apple CarPlay and Android Auto.

B&O Play models add more kit and get their name from 10-speaker Bang & Olufsen audio systems that feature, as well as aesthetic tweaks such as a black roof with matching rails.

There's also yellow highlights throughout the cabin,



The Fiesta Active features an increased ride height

along with additional tech such as cruise control, rain-sensing wipers, illuminated cup holders and a 4.2-inch TFT instrument cluster with traffic sign recognition.

Pricing for the B&O Play variants begins at £19,190.

The range-topping Active X brings partial leather upholstery, heated front seats, power-foldable door mirrors with puddle lights, a rear-view camera and parking sensors, as well as the addition of navigation and DAB radio to the SYNC 3 system. It's available from £20,290.

Two engines are on offer for the Fiesta Active.

There's one petrol unit, a three-cylinder, turbocharged 1.0-litre motor that is available in four states of tune – 84bhp, 99bhp, 123bhp and 138bhp.

A diesel option is also available. This is a 1.5-litre engine, developing 84bhp.

No matter the choice of engine, a six-speed manual gearbox features, while auto stop-start technology is included as well.

Orders can now be placed for the new Ford Fiesta Active, with the deliveries expected to follow imminently.



The Active X features partial leather upholstery

X marks the spot where Kia has added extra to Picanto

By Carmel Stewart

Powered by its tried and tested 1.25 litre petrol engine, the Korean built, front-wheel-drive Picanto X city-sized car has a number of additional goodies which sets it above others in the same segment.

Perhaps most important to modern-day drivers is the connectivity package – a seven-inch touchscreen display plus satellite navigation with Android Auto and Apple CarPlay fitted as standard.

In appearance, the Picanto X is a little chunkier than its non-X siblings in the range being longer, wider and taller with increased ground clearance, black side sill mouldings and wheel-arch cladding, silver skid plates beneath the SUV style front and rear bumpers and twin exhaust outlets.

Those who travel with tape measures (and there are those who do) will note that we are talking millimetres here – 75mm longer, 30mm wider and 15mm taller with a 35mm longer front overhang and a 40mm greater rear overhang. In addition, all on-board have slightly raised seating positions (15mm) on grey faux leather upholstery. Boot space adds up to a comfortable 255 litres which ups to more than 1,000 litres with the rear seat back dropped flat.

The grille and fog lamp surrounds are finished with lime green highlights – a colour repeated inside with the stitching round the steering wheel, gear lever gaiter and armrests.

On the road, all is neat and tidy, compact, composed and well suited to the town centres for which it is designed and, at £12,595, it offers relatively inexpensive transport for five.

Buyers can opt for the standard fit five-speed manual transmission or pay a tad more for the four-speed auto at £13,245.

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The Family would like to give special thanks to Ceil's Neighbours June and Ken Edgington who have supported the Family and lovingly cared for Ceil in so many ways since Les died.

Thanks also to Reverend Christopher Parkes for the beautiful Funeral Service, the Staff and the Doctors at the Colliery Practice in Huntington and the Nurses and Doctors at Stafford Hospital whose care for her was excellent. Angela Baggott from Cannock Social Services and Millie and Vi for their friendship.

Thank you to everyone for their messages of sympathy and donations for Great Ormond Street Children's Hospital, which amounted to £300.

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Coady: Players will miss Premier derby

WOLVES captain Conor Coady says winning the Championship is 'the best feeling in the world' – but admits he would miss the atmosphere of a derby should no West Midlands rivals join them in the Premier League.

The 25-year-old admits the players are 'a little bit disappointed' there would be no Black Country derby if the Baggies are relegated.

Coady, speaking as a guest of BBC Radio Merseyside in his home city of Liverpool, said: "It's the best feeling in the world (to be champions), to get promoted that weekend. But to beat Bolton 4-0 knowing we'd already been promoted, and the performance the boys put in just shows the character they've got."

But he added he would have loved to take on Black Country rivals Albion. "You want to play West Brom, as a Wolves player, as a Wolves fan," he said.

"They all want to play West Brom, we really do."

"We want to play them and experience that atmosphere because we all know what it can be like."



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Heart rules head to keep Heathens racing

CRADLEY Heathens bosses have revealed how they let the heart rule the head to keep the club in action this season.

Club director Nigel Pearson told a packed fans forum organised by the Heathens Supporters Trust how they were within a whisker of closing last October after eight seasons at National League level.

No new home track, fewer dates available at Wolverhampton and financial losses when staging home meetings at Birmingham left the club in crisis. But Pearson said: "My head told me to close the club and I think the same applied to my colleagues. However, the heart told me different."

"We still have a loyal fanbase and fantastic support from Dean and Adam Bridge at Motor Market, plus the tremendous partnership with Dr Rod Brooks. The last three seasons have been tough, the fact is when we have to host meetings away from Monmore it doesn't work financially."

Pearson also answered fans' questions on the long term and whether the management were still committed to a new track.

Footballers hoping to score with charity

TWO brothers hope a five-a-side football tournament will prove a winner for charity. Gurcharan and Herjinder Bhujhangy, of Halesowen, are organising the tournament in aid of the British Heart Foundation.

It takes place at Goals, Cakemore Road, Blackheath, on Saturday, June 3.

Teams can enter a maximum of seven players per team, with adult teams costing £70 and children's teams at £30. Register at Goals on 0121 561 3000 or via Gurcharan on 07762 521584 before May 21.

This is the third time the brothers have organised the annual event for the BHF. The fundraising total for 2017 was £1,075. They originally supported the BHF as a result of losing their father Dalbir Khanpur Bhujhangy, aged 59, as a result of heart failure in November 2008. He was part of the legendary Bhujhangy bhangra group, formed in Smethwick in 1967. Tragically, the brothers have since also lost a friend, Harman Dhami, 37.

Gurcharan said: "This football tournament is a tribute to these two great men."

Former star Eves: Wolves golden days here again

SPORTING FEATURE

By Tim Spiers

"It is really heart-warming to see as a Wolves fan that we are back in the Premier League."

WOLVES legend Mel Eves says this season has been 'one of the best' in recent years after the club won the Championship title and promotion to the Premier League.

The former striker, who netted 44 league goals for the club during a nine-year spell in which he played 180 games, declared the football under Nuno Espirito Santo a joy to watch this season.

Wolves were crowned the Championship winners after thrashing Bolton 4-0.

Eves spoke during the 30th anniversary dinner of the Wolves Former Players' Association at Molineux on April 19.

Shrewd

Eves, who later represented the likes of Sheffield United and Gillingham, said: "It has been an absolute joy this season to watch the football on show."

"It has been one of the best seasons that I think most people can remember, certainly since the team were doing really well."

"Under Mick McCarthy we did well but we were really surviving. We weren't expected to do nothing more than be OK."

"The Fosun group, they mean business. But you also have to be very shrewd in the players that you bring in, the manager you bring in, and the way you



Kenny Hibbett, Derek Parkin and Norman Bell at the 30th anniversary dinner

integrate everything and get everyone singing off the same hymn sheet."

"From the original 1950s team, Wolves were the best in Europe let alone this country."

"That is why Wolves have got their heritage and why older guys, like me and generations gone by, appreciate Wolves are a big club."

"Make no mistake about it, they are a big club."

"It is really heart-warming to see as a Wolves fan that we are back in the Premier League."

"Congratulations to everyone involved at Wolves from the top down."

"The manager Nuno, the fans love him, everyone loves him."

Former Wolves players turned out in force for the special event.

Among them was former defender Jody Craddock, an artist who has painted portraits of the current

players, which have been used on the covers of match day programmes.

Craddock said: "It is brilliant to come along, I enjoy catching up with all the old players."

"It has been a tremendous season and we have played some superb football."

"It is nice to be involved in such a fantastic season. When I started (my artwork) I didn't realise we would get promoted but it has worked out fantastic. To be asked to do it is an honour."

"That will be part of history now forever. It is nice for me as an artist and an ex-player."

Former goalkeeper Phil Parkes said: "It is great to be here, all the lads get back together."

"It has been a different type of football this past season."

"What the club have done this season has been fantastic."

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Lily in pink at England captain role

A RISING hockey star hopes to represent England in this summer's Six Nations after captaining the side against Holland in a friendly Test series.

Cannock Hockey Club's Lily Walker, aged 15, featured for England in the under-16 age group. England lost two games but won the final one against the strong Dutch side. The Six Nations tournament is being held in Cork, Ireland, in June and July.

Lily's mother Tanya said: "It was a wonderful experience for Lily, especially to have captained one of the games."

"It was a great honour for her to do that. She is really excited for the upcoming Six Nations and is hopeful she can get picked in the final team."

England lost the first game 3-2 and the second, with Lily as captain, 3-1. However, they bounced back for the final Test with a 1-0 victory. It was the first time any junior England side had beaten Holland in 10 years.

Victoria Wilkes, of Cannock Ladies Hockey Club, said: "Cannock Hockey Club is extremely proud of Lily's achievements. She is a true asset to Cannock Hockey Club and we are excited to see her promising hockey career develop."

Depleted Hayes take points on travels

Pershore 2 Heath Hayes 3

HAYES were down to the bare bones for their 10th game in 29 days, but came away with the three points.

Hayes took the lead on 21 minutes when Regan Smith's shot took a deflection past Pershore keeper Toby Cox. A Steve West header cancelled out the lead.

Two minutes before the break, Hayes retook the lead as stand-in centre forward Tony Allsopp, who had played in goal for the under-21s in the morning, headed home. On 59 minutes Charlie Ntamark equalised.

But Hayes went in front again when leading scorer Smith powered home a header from another corner.

Sporting seek crown

WOLVERHAMPTON Sporting were looking to secure the West Midlands League Premier Division title this week.

The Great Wyrley side needed a point from Tuesday's trip to Black Country Rangers to be champions, or for Tividale to fail to beat Wellington Amateurs.

Sporting are also still in the League Cup and JW Hunt Cup.

Pitmen edged out in county cup final



Celebrating Anthony Dwyer's goal

Stafford Rangers 3 Hednesford Town 2

DEPARTING boss Neil Kitching got his wish as Stafford Rangers edged a 3-2 thriller against Hednesford Town to lift the Staffordshire Senior Cup.

A whole-hearted El Staffico at Stoke City's bet365 Stadium saw Boro keep their nerve amid a late Pitmen onslaught.

Jack Sherratt's stunner put Kitching's men in front, but Anthony Dwyer equalised with an even more impressive strike.

A Kyle Perry header put Rangers back in front and a Rob Thompson-Brown free-kick looked to have sealed the trophy.

Ben Bailey's last-gasp goal ensured a tense finish, but ultimately proved a mere consolation as Hednesford were thwarted in their efforts to take the game to extra time.

The Pitmen have a chance to make amends – and to end the season with

silverware – after reaching the final of the Birmingham Senior Cup.

A brace from Danny Glover, a Josh Steele own goal and another from Dwyer helped Hednesford put the disappointment behind them, powering to a 4-0 win semi-final over Nuneaton last Thursday night.

The final is next Tuesday (May 8) at St Andrew's, with the Pitmen taking on Stourbridge.

Season ends with loss to title winners

Altrincham 3 Hednesford 0

HEDNESFORD Town's league campaign came to an end with defeat at EVO-STIK Premier Division champions Altrincham.

The Pitmen went behind in just the third minute as a low shot was palmed out by Jose Veiga and Tom Hannigan fired the ball home.

Altrincham were well on top during the opening exchanges with Josh Hancock blasting over.

The Pitmen created half a chance in the 29th minute when Tom Thorley picked out Anthony Dwyer and he cut inside before firing in a dipping effort that was blocked.

On the stroke of half-time, Veiga had to react quickly to deny Jordan Hulme.

Altrincham added a second on 51 minutes. The home side were awarded an indirect free-kick inside the area and as the ball was flicked up Jake Moulton levelled home from 10 yards.

Hednesford screamed for a late penalty for handball when Tom Thorley crossed into the 18-yard box but the appeals went unheard.

Hancock completed the scoring in the final minute when a ball through the middle caught everyone out.

Leap back to form the aim for Sawyers

A DISAPPOINTING Commonwealth Games campaign has served as Jazmin Sawyers' motivation to improve, with the summer season her next big target.

The long jumper's seventh-place finish with 6.30m paled in comparison to the silver medal she achieved four years ago in Glasgow, following her relocation to Florida, where she now lives and trains.

After the Gold Coast, however, the 24-year-old, from Staffordshire, but previously based in Walsall, is confident she can still return to her previous best. She said: "Gold Coast didn't go for me as I wanted it to."

"But, it's early in the season. I've changed my coach so hopefully I'll be able to push forward and put in a much better performance at the Europeans this summer."

After that Sawyers will concentrate on building up to represent Team GB at the Olympic Games in 2020.

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Josh on board with Wigleys



The Sorrymate.com paddock, Matt Wigley, left, Josh Hiatt, Kurt Wigley. Pic: Robert Baxter

TWIN racers Kurt and Matt Wigley have taken Heath Hayes teenager Josh Hiatt on board for the 2018 campaign. All three are racing on the under card of the British Superbike (BSB) series, with Josh entering the British Motostar championship for the first time.

The Hednesford twins already juggle work, training and racing, with support from father Martin and the Sorrymate.com team. But they agreed to help 15-year-old Josh, who launched his season with a 17th and 14th in the standard class at Brands Hatch Indy, in Kent.

Kurt said: "Our sponsors, Sorrymate.com, had been looking to take on a new rider and when the KTM Cup ended last year, Josh de-

cided to move into the British Motostar series.

"We took him on board but he hadn't had much time on the bike and he struggles, because of his age, to get much track time and spends most of it at Mallory Park, which is no longer part of the BSB calendar. It's also a big leap into this class but he did well."

The Wigleys and Hiatt will be back in BSB action this weekend at Oulton Park, Cheshire.

Meanwhile, Rugeley teenager Greg Johnson earned himself a first podium in the Ginetta Junior Championship, finishing third in the first of three races at Donington Park.

The 16-year-old next heads to Thruxton on May 19 and 20.

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